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Johnson Edges Servis In Mayor's Race...
Berkshire Wins Close Call On Ballot Question...

IT WAS CLOSE!

Letellier Repeats Primary Performance



MAYOR CHALLENGER KENT SERVIS (left) congratulates Mayor Christopher C. Johnson for his reelection on Tuesday night. Servis showed up at Johnson's headquarters following the results of the close race. Johnson won 54 percent of the vote while Servis received 46 percent. Servis is the outgoing Town Council president. IN PHOTO ABOVE, campaign supporters of the various candidates were out in force at the Phelps School polling area on Tuesday. RELATED PHOTO ON PAGE 12. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Letellier Remains Top Vote-Getter As Council Gets Big Makeover

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The voters couldn't be convinced it was time for a change in the mayoral election, but it was a different story in the council race.

Incumbents David Skolnick, Gary Suffriti, Chris Quatrone, and Joseph Langone lost their seats to a mixed bag of political unknowns and faces familiar in Agawam politics.

Returning to the council are incumbents George Bitzas, with a second-place win; Jill Simpson, fifth place; Nancy Thompson, seventh place; Edward Caba, ninth place; and Dennis Perry in the 10th slot.

Topping the ticket was Attorney Gina M. Letellier, chairwoman of the Town Democratic Committee, with 4,885 votes in her first bid for elective office.

A close ally of four losing anti-Berkshire Power candidates and an outspoken critic of the proposed power plant, Ms. Letellier was pleased with her success, but was less than enthusiastic with the results of the council race and the referendum on the power plant.

"This is a kind of melancholy night for me," Ms. Letellier said. "I find it disturbing that over 1,000 people who voted in the mayoral race didn't see the Berkshire Power question (on their ballots). And I would feel better if I had some of the friends I can trust sitting with me on the council."

Ms. Letellier said the new council would be a "6 to 5 or 7 to 4 Johnson council, unless some people change their spots."

However, Ms. Letellier said she felt she could work cooperatively with Johnson, although she doubted they would agree on many issues, except for the need to overhaul the town's zoning code.

Bitzas, the second-place finisher, said he was grateful to the voters for putting their trust in him and promised the voters would not be disappointed. Bitzas said he would continue to focus on issues affecting senior citizens, education, and sidewalk and road repairs.

Calling on the new council to put aside any differences to work for the common cause, Bitzas

said, "I hope the new council will show cooperation and civility. The people want that from their council and we have to deliver it."

Former Councilor John Negrucci took the number three slot with 3,964 votes. The returning councilor attributed his success to having run a positive campaign with no negativity. "I pledge to do anything the voters wish. They put me here on the council and I'll be working for them. My door will be open to anyone in town who has input on an issue," Negrucci said.

Newcomer Robert Young received 3,924 votes for a fourth-place win. Echoing Bitzas' sentiments on cooperation and civility on the council, Young said, "I'm glad to see some of the new councilors and I'm glad to be able to work with them on rebuilding trust and respect for the Town Council."

Simpson Seeks Seat On Zoning Review Comm.

Returning for a third term, fifth-place finisher Jill Simpson is setting her sights on a seat on the council's Zoning Review Committee when a new council president appoints the committees for the next term. Mrs. Simpson lost her seat on the Zoning Review Committee after Kent Servis was elected council president, but she has continued to bring forward zoning reforms for the council's consideration.

"I want to continue the work I started when I chaired the Zoning Review Committee a year ago," Mrs. Simpson said. "My biggest area of concern is going to be zoning issues."

Coming in at seventh place, incumbent Nancy Thompson joked, "I've been fifth, first, 11th, and now seventh. I'm all over the map. I'm grateful that the voters have placed their trust in me."

Predicting a council that will work with the Mayor, Ms. Thompson said, "I hope we'll be able to put all of this divisiveness over Berkshire Power behind us and work cooperatively with the Mayor. I will continue to work as hard as I have in the past."

Earning 10th place in his run for a second term,

Dennis Perry said he felt the large slate of candidates helped the incumbents who retained their seats. Perry said most of his first term had been a learning curve on the inner workings of town government, the fine points of parliamentary procedure, and the role a councilor plays.

Perry said he felt that a good deal of the bickering and splitting into factions could be avoided if an orientation package could be put together so that new councilors would have the tools to begin their terms on a more even level with their experienced colleagues.

In addition to working on an orientation package, Perry intends to push for a renegotiation of the payment in-lieu-of-tax plan proposed by Berkshire Power and tabled by the council last year. "I want to sit down with the Mayor and Berkshire Power to get the best deal we can for our town," Perry said.

In 11th place, former Town Council President Donald M. Rheault isn't ruling out a bid to regain the gavel and the role of council parliamentarian. In fact, he's giving it "serious consideration."

An opponent of the Berkshire Power project, Rheault pointed out, "The referendum results are not an overwhelming mandate by any means. I think the plant is not right for the town, but we'll deal with the issues as they come up."

Rheault Sees No Problem Working With Mayor

Rheault, who tried to unseat Johnson four years ago, sees no problem getting along with the Mayor when he returns to the council after an eight-year absence. "The Mayor agreed with 90 percent of what I stood for when I was on the council," Rheault noted. "We worked together on many issues. If I agree with him, I'll support him. If I don't agree with him, I'll let him know."

Winners in the council race were Gina M. Letellier (4,885), George Bitzas (4,309), John Negrucci (3,964), Robert Young (3,924), Jill Simpson (3,806), Robert Magovern (3,777), Nancy Thompson (3,749), Gary Geiger (3,705), Edward

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The **trust** of the voters, in addition to all the approvals we received from local, state, and federal regulatory agencies, **is a responsibility that we will never take for granted.**

This has been a long process. Often, politics and personalities may have clouded the facts, but we always believed that we had Agawam's support.

Though the referendum may be over - you'll continue to see and hear what you have come to expect from us - a continued openness and truth about the facts of this project. The door of our public office in Agawam, at 430 Main Street, will still be open, as it has been for the last 3 years.

This is not *our* victory - **it's a victory for the people and businesses of Agawam and this region.** This means that clean, low-cost, efficient energy will be available to bring new economic opportunity, businesses, and jobs to Agawam. This will indeed be a great relationship, a real benefit for the residents and businesses of Agawam.

In the coming months, the people's faith in us will be justified in many ways. We hope that Agawam will be the envy of other communities, when the economic opportunities of Berkshire Power begin to become a reality.

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Letters To The Editor

"Blue Lightning" Coaches Thank Parents For Support

To The Editor:

To The Parents Of Blue Lightning Soccer:

We, the coaches of Blue Lightning, would like to thank you for your support this soccer season. Taking time out to bring your children to practices, making sure we had refreshments at a game, and just showing great sportsmanship. With your help, we have watched the children become "champions."

Coach Dee Adams
Ass't. Coach Bill Metcalf

Hampden County Chiropractic Thanks Agawam Senior Center

To The Editor:

Hampden County Chiropractic would like to thank the Agawam Senior Center for the opportunity to participate in the recent Senior Health Fair.

Ann, Sue, and I not only had a wonderful time visiting with everybody and sharing continued health strategies, but thoroughly enjoyed the delicious meal provided by the Senior Center. We hope to have many more visits with our new friends.

We would also like to congratulate Mary Grabowski, the winner of the raffle for a low back support pillow. Good health you, Mary!

Sincerely,
Dr. Tami Nelson
Hampden County Chiropractic
Feeding Hills

Troop 78 Says "Thanks" For Helping With Candy Sale

To The Editor:

The boys of Boy Scout Troop 78 of the Springfield Turnverein in Agawam would like to thank Food Mart, Geissler's Market, and Stop & Shop for their cooperation and assistance in our recent candy sale.

We would also like to thank the patrons of those stores, townpeople, and friends of our troop for their generous support. Our summer camp program and monthly campouts are greatly assisted by your special support. Last summer, our boys experienced the culture and history of Gettysburg and this year, we are planning a campout in the Lake George/Adirondack region of New York.

Thank you all for your support.

Louise Pilegi
Candy Chairperson
Boy Scout Troop 78

Ag. Counseling Center Holds Successful "Day Of Caring"

To The Editor:

The Agawam Counseling Center in Feeding Hills is a licensed clinic providing affordable mental health and substance abuse services to children, adolescents, and adults.

On Friday, October 24th, the tables were turned when The Agawam Counseling Center participated in Community United Way's Fourth Annual Day of Caring.

In one short day, an unbelievable amount of much needed maintenance for the Center was provided by 17 cheerful and hardworking volunteers from local businesses. Thanks to them, we have a freshly painted conference room and playrooms. Each of our playrooms now have sturdy new shelves to hold our play equipment.

All of the staff at The Agawam Counseling Center wants to say thank you to all of the businesses and volunteers who contributed time, materials, and labor so generously; Olympic Manufacturing, Baystate Health Systems, and Hamilton Standard.

Thanks, too, to Community United Way for sponsoring such a great opportunity for our agency to form an ever stronger partnership with the community we serve.

Mary Frances Wall
Program Director

A Correction Regarding CCBA & Gina Marie Letellier

To The Editor:

In last week's AAN, I wrote a letter stating facts to help answer some questions asked by the Truth in Politics folks.

I would like to make a correction concerning one of those "facts" that I stated last week. I said that Gina Marie Letellier was not and never had been a member of the CCBA, when in fact, she became an active member of the CCBA in the summer of 1997, at the time of the court case involving Berkshire Power and the citizens of Agawam.

Once again, it is nice to know that people are searching for the truth.

Sincerely,
Sandi Forni
Agawam

Being A Realtor Has Been A Satisfying Experience

To The Editor:

Have you ever had a career where you enjoy going to work everyday? Six years ago, I wanted a change. I had no idea what I wanted to do.

My husband came home and said, "BE A REALTOR."

"Are you crazy? Me?" I said. His reply was, "You love houses and are good with people."

Now, five years as a Realtor, my job consists of tour guide, interior decorator, taxi, maid, babysitter, landscaper, counselor, referee, and the list goes on. Never a dull moment.

I grew up in an average family in Agawam. Four years ago, I became affiliated with Molta Real Estate, now COLDWELL BANKER KEENAN & MOLTA ASSOCIATES and my family has grown to 60 with co-workers.

As a realtor, your day may put you on top of the world and in one phone call, your day starts to fall apart. Talk about mood swings! What a feeling it is to know you can pick up the phone and call the president, general manager, or manager and they're always there for you to give you moral support or lend a helping hand.

So, you pick yourself up, stand tall, think of all the wonderful sellers and buyers you have serviced, put on a "smile" and say to yourself, "I must be crazy." Be a Realtor! I wouldn't change my career for anything and MOST of all, working for who I believe is the "No. 1 Real Estate Company."

A "SPECIAL THANK YOU" to Robert Molta, Barry Boccasile, Carmella Marzano, and my husband, John.

Kathy Rose
"REALTOR"

Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Assoc.

SHAA's "Grey Team" Is Not Guilty Of Poor Behavior

To The Editor:

We are writing this letter in response to another letter written a few weeks back about the grey team making fun of the blue team during the SHAA girls' 10-13 softball playoffs.

The four of us, two from the grey team and two from the blue, have discussed this issue. We easily came to the conclusion that there was no show of unsportsmanlike behavior by the grey team.

They were merely giving their team support by cheering them on. The blue team never even considered this behavior to be offending in any way. The only thing our two teams have to say to each other is thanks for such a challenging series of playoff games.

We would like to thank our coaches and teammates for a great year, and we hope that there are no hard feelings between the teams.

Blue Team
April Rondeau, Julia Spear
Grey Team
Jessica Roy, Maureen Shehan

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LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSION TOWN OF AGAWAM

Notice is hereby given under General Laws, Chapter 138, that Rich Bar, Inc., d/b/a Goodfellow, Richard J. Girard, Jr., Manager has applied for Transfer of License, Pledge of License, Change of Manager, Change of Corporate Name, Change of D/B/A, from Johnny's, Inc., to Goodfellow, Richard J. Girard, Jr., Manager, 360 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. Building consisting of: thirty-nine hundred square feet, two story brick building: 1st floor dining area and kitchen with seating capacity of 76, 5 entrances and exits, bar area with 17 seats and restrooms, 2nd floor tables seating 26. All handicap accessible. Public Hearing to be held on Wednesday, November 12, 1997, at 7:00 P.M., in the Faolin Peirce Room, Agawam Police Headquarters, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

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Friday, November 7th
"Friday Friday Series" to present
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At Agawam Public Library
7:30 p.m.

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Artists will precede the program at 6:30 p.m.)

Saturday, November 8th
Christmas Bazaar at Heritage Hall
(located off of Cooper & Main Sts.)
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Call 786-8000, extension 217

Monday, November 10th
Annual Communion Supper by the
Catholic Women's Club of Agawam
At St. John's Parish Center, Agawam
Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by supper
Call 786-2055 for reservations

Wednesday, November 12th
Meeting of Agawam Retired Employees
At Agawam Public Library, Cooper Street
1:00 p.m., Exec. Board; 2:00 p.m., General Mtg.

Friday, November 14th
Annual meeting of "Friends" of Agawam Senior Ctr.
At the Agawam Senior Center
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After It Was Over, Johnson & Servis Exchange Congrats On Close Race

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The tension was more than the usual post-election jitters as supporters of Mayor Christopher C. Johnson gathered at the Polish Club to await the returns on Tuesday night. And for good reason. It was a close call for Johnson and an even closer call for Berkshire Power.

For the first time in Johnson's tenure as Agawam's only mayor, an atmosphere of "if we win" hung over the crowd as election results were radioed in and tallied in the closest mayoral race since Johnson took office eight years ago.

Cheers, hugs, and even some tears met the news that challenger Kent P. Servis had lost Precinct 4, clinching the race for Johnson who captured 4,773 votes to Servis' 4,101.

On the Berkshire Power referendum, the vote was 3,937 (51 percent) in favor and 3,762 (49 percent) opposed, a difference of just 175 votes.

With a voter turnout of 55 percent, the numbers in the mayoral race were a mirror image of last month's primary when Johnson garnered 54 percent of the vote and his opposition racked up a combined 46 percent of the vote.

Servis' post-primary prediction that he would pick up all of the opposition votes was borne out by Tuesday's results, but the Town Council presi-

dent was unable to cut into Johnson's margin of eight percentage points.

Acknowledging his support for the Berkshire Power Project as one of the reasons for the close race, Johnson said the longer a mayor serves, the more support slips away as unpopular decisions are made.

Johnson's Priorities For His Fifth Term...

Johnson said his priorities for his fifth term will be construction of a public works garage, expansion of the public library, and completion of the school renovations and additions currently under way at five schools.

"I'll continue to do what I've done since I was first elected and that is to work hard for what is in the best interest of the community," Johnson said.

Conceding defeat, Servis said he will serve the remainder of his term as Town Council president working cooperatively with the mayor.

"As I've stated before, Chris was my opponent, not my enemy," Servis said. "Both of us pledged a clean campaign and it was. We fought hard over the issues, but there wasn't any mudslinging. I think the two of us set a new standard in terms of campaign behavior."

Servis said he would remain active in the community and would not rule out a run for elective office in the future. "Right now, I'm going to take a few days off and go fishing," Servis said.


Johnson said he hoped the results of the power plant referendum would help heal the wounds of divisiveness in the community.

"Obviously, the Berkshire Power issue caused divisiveness in town, but I don't know if it was the issue itself that caused the divisions," Johnson said. "It was more the opposition that caused the divisions."

After his initial research into power plant issues, Johnson said he knew the proposal would not be popular with everyone. "But, I'm elected to do what's in the best interest of the community and I'm happy that it looks like the people of Agawam also think it's best for the town," Johnson said.

On the prospects of an improved relationship between the administration and Town Council, Johnson said he would do his best to communicate and cooperate fully with the new council. "I'm looking forward to working with all the individuals who were just elected to move the community forward," Johnson said.

Our office will be open on Veterans' Day, Tuesday, November 11th. Our deadline will still be at noontime. We appreciate those who bring in their copy and ads on Monday. We open weekdays at 6:30 a.m. Thanks.



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Town Of Agawam Veterans' Day Observance

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1997

9:00 a.m. — Veterans' graves will be flagged (volunteers will meet at Springfield Street Cemetery [across from Sacred Heart Church]).

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1997

9:30 a.m. — Agawam Baptist Church will host services for "Veterans' Sunday." All are welcome.

VETERANS' DAY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1997

CEREMONY

11:00 a.m. — Agawam Veterans' Memorial Green.

PROGRAM

Welcome — Ed Kellogg, chairman of the Agawam Veterans' Council.

Flag Raising — American Legion Post 185.

Pledge of Allegiance — Ed Kellogg.

Invocation — Rev. Curt Fuller, Agawam Congregational Church.

Introduction of Guests — Ed Kellogg.

Guest Speakers.

Tolling Memorial Bell — Christopher Sanchez, Persian Gulf veteran.

Placement of Memorial Wreath — Ellie Boissonneault, World War II veteran, and Peg Brown, senior vice-president of American Legion Post 185.

Taps — Recorded.

Firing Squad — American Legion Post 185.

Veterans Day Poem — Ruth Carr Bitzas, veterans' agent.

Benediction — Rev. Curt Fuller, Agawam Congregational Church.

COUNCIL - from Page 2...

Caba (3,575), Dennis Perry (3,547), and Donald Rheault (3,455).

Not elected were Stanley Chmielewski (3,380), Gary Suffriti (3,356), Christian Quatrone (3,283), Michael DelNegro (3,278), Peter Longo (3,225), David Skolnick (3,063), Joseph Langone (2,988), F. William Euliano (2,976), Louis Russo (2,926), Karl Stieg (2,853), and Ronald Brown (2,842).

In the School Committee race, all six incumbents easily won reelection. Coming in first with the most votes (6,071) for any candidate in all three races was Roberta Doering, followed by Teresa Kozloski (5,947), Linda Galarneau (5,754), Susan Pettazzoni (5,746), Louis Massola, Jr. (5,527), and Rosemary Sandlin (5,500).

Unsuccessful in her first bid for a School Committee seat, Deborah Sekula received 4,433 votes.

Berkshire Power's Slim Victory Gets Praise & Sneers

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The votes were barely tallied when power plant opponents began taking aim at the results of the ballot question. After three years of bitter debate and a veritable cottage industry of sub-issues, the voters gave a narrow thumbs up to Berkshire Power's plan to build a \$180 million, gas-fired power plant on Moylan Lane.

By a margin of 175 votes, the voters said they favored allowing Berkshire Power to build and operate a power plant. The final tally was 3,937 (51 percent) in favor and 3,762 (49 percent) against.

Berkshire Power officials are elated over the results of the vote, but plant opponents scoff at the slim margin of support and claim many voters didn't see the question on their ballots when in the voting booth.

Berkshire Power Project Manager Kenneth Roberts said, "This show of support means a great deal to us. Finally, the people have spoken and they are saying, 'Welcome to Agawam, Berkshire Power.'"

Roberts said the company plans to be the best of neighbors to Agawam residents and businesses, vowing the company will never take for granted the responsibility of having received the trust of the voters, in addition to the approval of state, local, and federal regulatory agencies.

"After having received all the necessary state and local approvals, we're elated to have the people's official approval as well," Roberts said.

"Often, personality and politics may have crowded the facts, but we always felt we had the support of the people."

But, Town Councilor-Elect Gina Letellier isn't impressed with the size of the welcome mat. "Berkshire Power has claimed they have overwhelming support, but I don't think 51 percent signifies overwhelming support. They need to have 70 to 75 percent for overwhelming support."

Roberts said the results of Tuesday's balloting was a victory for the residents and businesses of Agawam and the surrounding region in having clean, low-cost, and efficient energy available to bring economic opportunity, jobs, and new businesses to town.

Ms. Letellier said more than 1,200 people who voted in the mayoral election did not cast a vote on the ballot question, and that several people had complained they had not seen the question on the ballot. "That 1,200-person gap has shown they don't have overwhelming support," Ms. Letellier claimed.

Ms. Letellier said she expected the Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam would proceed with their announced intention to appeal the zoning exemption granted to Berkshire Power by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities last month.

At presstime, no appeal had been filed.

WestFest Is In Search Of Committee Members And Volunteers For 1998

The 1998 edition of WestFest will take place on May 16th and 17th at Stanley Park in Westfield. Each year, the festival is planned and executed by an unpaid volunteer staff.

This year, we are in desperate need of committee members and volunteers. There are many

committees that have unfilled slots. A few hours of your time will ensure the continuation of this great event.

If you would like to work on WestFest 1998 and/or require further information, please call 568-2962.

OUR OFFICE WILL BE OPEN ON VETERANS' DAY at 6:30 a.m. The deadline is at noontime (as usual). We again appreciate those who bring up their ads and copy on Monday. You may also slide your copy under our door on Sat.

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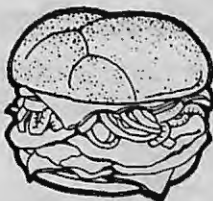
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School Additions Continue To Run Under Budget

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

With the renovations and additions at the four elementary schools and the high school a little less than half complete, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson expects the largest school building project in the town's history will remain within the \$19.6 million budget approved by Town Council last year.

Although the more intensive renovation work that carries the most jeopardy of cost overruns, especially at Phelps School, won't begin until next summer, Johnson said, "We are well within our budget at this time and I foresee (the project) coming in within the budget."

Johnson said the individual projects are progressing at a slightly different pace, but overall, the work is about halfway done and is expected to be substantially complete for the opening of school in September 1998.

Two weeks ago, the latest construction status report describing the progress at each work site was released by the project engineers.

At the **High School**, work on underground utilities is complete and the new oil tank and concrete bunker is also finished. Paving and curbs for the parking lot next to the maintenance area should be complete within the next several weeks. Structural steel work on the three additions is complete; interior underground plumbing and electrical work in the additions is done; the roof on the classroom addition is nearly complete.

Masonry construction is 60 percent complete in the classroom addition and 20 percent complete in the cafeteria and administration additions. In the classroom addition, interior plumbing and electrical work has begun and the installation of steel door frames and interior masonry walls has also begun.

At **Robinson Park School**, the oil tank and concrete bunker is complete, and some paving repairs have been completed near the oil tank bunker. Interior renovations to the existing building are three-quarters complete and the new nurse's office is finished.

Also, underground electrical and plumbing work is complete in the additions, as well as interior and exterior masonry block. The brick veneer work has recently begun. The new heating and ventilation systems for the building renovation are nearly done.

At **Granger School**, the new oil tank and bunker are finished and the asphalt paving binder course is complete on the horsehoe entry, the parking area, and the new exit road to the Junior High School driveway. Finish paving is scheduled for installation in the spring. Work on the concrete sidewalks is 85 percent complete. Reroofing the existing building is nearly finished, and the contractor expects to begin masonry construction on the addition within the next several weeks.

At **Phelps School**, the addition is a little over half done. The exterior block and brick veneer work is finished and the roof trusses have been installed; roofing for the addition should be finished in the next several weeks.

At **Clark School**, the new oil tank and concrete bunker for the addition is finished, but there has been no significant work on the project since the opening of school. Masonry construction is expected to begin within a week or two and structural steel work is scheduled to begin in mid-December.



SURVEYING THE SITUATION AT AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL are Mayor Christopher C. Johnson (left), David Backlin, and Superintendent of Schools Frank Ameruso. Advertiser

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Let's Talk "Turkey"... Thanksgiving Is Almost Upon Us!



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AT THE PHELPS SCHOOL WORK SITE, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson (left) is joined by David Backlin, Superintendent of Schools Frank Ameruso, and Associate Superintendent of Schools Donald Charest. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

FireWise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano
Six Steps For Survival

Many homes fires happen at night, between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., while most of us are sleeping. Make sure your family can protect itself by knowing these six steps:

1. Smoke detectors should be installed on each level of your home and outside sleeping areas. If you sleep with the bedroom door closed, install a detector in the bedroom. Smoke detectors sound an early warning while escape is still possible. Test detectors monthly and replace batteries annually.

2. Have a home fire escape plan. Draw out your home on paper and mark at least two exits from each room. Make plans for family members that may need assistance, the very young or old. If exits include windows, make sure they can be easily opened; and if they're high, have escape ladders available. Designate a place for everyone to meet once they get outside.

3. Practice your plan. Have one practice with family members using their primary exit, and another where the secondary way out is used. If necessary, make changes. Fire drills aren't just for school.

4. If possible, sleep with bedroom doors closed. In the event of a home fire, they can hold back smoke and fire, increasing your time for escape.

5. When awakened by your smoke detector, roll out of bed and crawl to your bedroom door. Test the door with the back of your hand, for heat. Feel it high, low, and touch the knob. If the door is hot, DO NOT open it, and use your secondary exit to escape. If it is cool, open it carefully and be ready to slam it shut if there is smoke or fire.

6. Go to your designated meeting place. Have someone go to a neighbor's to call the fire department (911). Once you're outside, you should never go back into a burning building.

For more information on home fire survival, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

Agawam Chamber Salutes Businesses At Breakfast Meeting

At its October 3rd breakfast meeting at Crestview Country Club, the Agawam Chamber of Commerce saluted the Agawam Beautification Committee and 15 local businesses.

The Agawam Chamber acknowledges and thanked the Beautification Comm. for the many positive results it has achieved in making Agawam a more attractive community and those 15 businesses selected for a special award this year because of their individual beautification efforts.

The Chamber has always been supportive of the town's beautification efforts. Their support intensified three years ago when all segments of the community prepared for the large influx of visitors expected for the first LPGA golf tournament. As expressed by Chamber President Denise Vogel, "We have common objectives; an attractive town is both good for business and good for the town."

This year, a joint committee of the Chamber and the Beautification Committee selected 15 businesses for special recognition. Each of these businesses received a letter from Mayor Johnson along with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Town. At the Chamber's salute breakfast, each business was individually applauded as John Zebryk projected a slide photo of their property and commented on what they had accomplished.

Councilman George Bitzas later expressed appreciation to the Agawam Chamber for its active support of these programs and said that, "This is an excellent demonstration as to the results that can be achieved when local government, business, civic groups, and private citizens work together cooperatively without political bias."

The 15 businesses so honored are E. Cecchi Farms; Christo's Restaurant; CVS Pharmacy; Pignatari Texaco Service; John's Getty Auto; McDonald's; Nicky's Pizzeria; 911 Burgers & Dogs; Parrotta's Auto; Riverside Park; Southgate Plaza; Twin Silos; V&F Auto Parts; Valenti's Pizza; and Westfield Bank/Juniper Shops.



AGAWAM BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS John Zebryk and George Bitzas congratulate John Kozah of John's Getty for his efforts to beautify the front of his business.

LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1997, at 6:30 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of CHARLES CALABRESE, who is seeking a Special Permit to alter a previous Board of Appeals (Case No. 1393) which would allow for a change of the "lot lines" at the premises identified as: 64-66 GARDEN STREET

Ronald A. Hebert, Chairman

Published: November 6, 1997

Senator Linda Melconian Says Energy Legislation Is Ready For Action

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced that the Legislature's Joint Committee on Government Regulations favorably reported a bill Wednesday, October 29th to deregulate the Electrical Utility industry and provide consumers with an initial 15 percent rate reduction.

The Electrical Deregulation legislation will now move to the House for debate next week. The proposed legislation would allow for competition in the generating part of the electric industry. Consumers and businesses will be able to choose which company will provide its electricity.

"This legislation would be monumental for Massachusetts," Melconian said. "We would provide consumers with an immediate rate reduction, protect jobs within the industry, and give the Commonwealth a leg up on other states in the competition to attract new business."

Only three states, California, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island, have completed deregulation of the electrical industry. Businesses are looking for states with inexpensive energy costs to reduce their operating costs. Massachusetts currently has some of the highest rates in the nation. Melconian and others believe competition can lower the cost of electricity and provide an attractive relocation site for businesses.

"Economic development programs are an important part of keeping our economy strong as long as we also address consumer concerns," Melconian said. "This legislation would accomplish both goals, and put us on the cutting edge of regulatory reform."

The proposed legislation would exempt municipal light companies, like Chicopee Municipal Light, from competition as long as they do not provide power outside of their service area.

Please remember that our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays.

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The Public Is Invited To Participate In Veterans' Day Observances

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Three programs will constitute the local tribute to area veterans, both living and dead, with special emphasis on those who died in the service of their country.

The events will be:

Replacement of worn flags on veterans graves at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 8th.

First Baptist Church will host veterans at a regular church service at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, November 9th.

A Veterans' Day ceremony will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 11th at Veterans' Memorial Green.

The public is invited to join in all events.

"It is hoped that the spirit shown recently at the dedication of the proposed veterans cemetery will be continued," Ruth Carr Bitzas, Agawam's veterans' agent, said in a recent interview.

"The generosity of Edward Squazza, the farmer who donated land for the cemetery, caught on like wildfire," Mrs. Bitzas said enthusiastically. "Everything we needed for the dedication was donated by individuals and local businesses. They all wanted to be part of it!"

The Agawam Veterans' Council needs volunteers to assist them with the Flagging of Graves. Members are hoping that girl and boy scouts will participate. Those volunteering will meet at 9:00 a.m. on November 8th, at the Springfield Street Cemetery (across from Sacred Heart Church), and then proceed to the Agawam Center Cemetery. Bitzas said that volunteers will take over flagging the smaller cemeteries - on Springfield Street; on Cooper Street hill (near the old Federal Hill Club); and near the Valley Community Church on South Westfield Street.

The Veterans' Council oversees flagging of all veterans' graves in May every year by law.

In November, they just replace those that are frayed or weather damaged. Persons wanting to help are asked to call Veterans' Services at Town Hall, 786-0400, ext. 236, or be at the Springfield Street Cemetery at 9:00 a.m. on November 8th.

Veterans will be honored at regular services at

the First Baptist Church, Main & Elm Streets, at 9:30 a.m. on November 9th. American Legion Post 185 will form the honor guard and post the colors. Members of the Legion, VFW Post 1632 and their Ladies Auxiliaries are invited.

Outdoor Events Planned For November 11th

On Veterans' Day itself, November 11th, a colorful ceremony will take place at Veterans' Memorial Green at the corner of School and Main Streets. Edward Kellogg, chairman of the Veterans' Council, will welcome guests to the outdoor event and serve as Master of Ceremonies.

Invited to be guest speakers include State Senator Linda Melconian, State Representative Daniel Keenan, and Mayor Christopher C. Johnson. Mrs. Bitzas will recite a Veterans' Day poem.

Tolling the Memorial Bell will be Christopher Sanchez, a Persian Gulf veteran, and the memorial wreath will be placed on the Veterans' Memorial by Ellie Roissoneault, a World War II veteran, and Peg Brown, senior vice-president of American Legion Post 185. Taps will be recorded and the American Legion Firing Squad will fire a gun salute. The Reverend Curt Fuller of the First Congregational Church will give the invocation and benediction.

Mrs. Bitzas said her office has received a letter from Daniel Walsh, veterans' agent for Springfield, proposing Agawam join in a five-town Veterans' Day parade to be held in Springfield next week. It is anticipated that a consolidation of events would draw a larger attendance and support. Other towns suggested to participate in addition to Agawam and Springfield are Holyoke, West Springfield, and Chicopee.

Veterans' Day was originally called "Armistice Day" since the signing of an armistice at 11:00 a.m. November 11, 1918, formally marked the end of World War I. At the time, the war was called "The War To End All Wars." The name of the observance was later changed to Veterans' Day to include veterans of all wars.

Keenan Wants To Alert College Students About RSP Catalog

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan would like to bring the New England Regional Student Program (RSP) to the attention of prospective college students and their families as they consider and prepare to apply to colleges.

The RSP provides a substantial tuition break to Massachusetts residents attending public colleges and universities in Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, or Vermont enrolled in associate, bachelor's, or graduate degree programs that are not offered by Massachusetts' public institutions.

The 1998-99 edition of the RSP catalog highlights the colleges and universities and the degree programs available for Massachusetts residents to receive the reduced tuition rates. The catalog is available at high school guidance offices and libraries, city and town libraries, and public admissions offices.

An on-line version of the catalog may be viewed at New England's Board of Higher Education's web site: www.nebhe.org. A copy of the catalog may also be obtained by contacting Rep. Keenan's district office at 786-4545.

For more information, contact the Office of Regional Student Program, New England Board of Higher Education, 45 Temple Place, Boston, MA 02111; (617) 357-9620, or Rep. Keenan's district office at 342 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA 01001; 786-4545.

LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 20, 1997 at 7:30 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Suffield Street Partnership for an amendment to the Definitive Subdivision Plan of the Suffield Street Industrial Park.

By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
Agawam Planning Board

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Agawam Obituaries

Anthony DiCola, Jr.

Anthony DiCola, Jr., 55, of 47 Partridge Lane, Chicopee, died in Boxford.

He was a tractor-trailer driver for Hartt Transportation of Bangor, Maine, and a former employee of St. Johnsbury Trucking.

Earlier, he was an independent automobile dealer in the Springfield area. He was also a member of Teamsters Union Local 501.

Born in Peekskill, New York, he was a 1959 graduate of Agawam High School and played on the football and hockey teams there.

He received a degree in business administration from the University of Massachusetts in 1964. He was a member of the Theta Chi Fraternity and played in several adult hockey leagues.

He was also a publicity manager for the Greater American Motorcycle Rodeos.

He leaves a son, Anthony III of Overland, Kansas; two daughters, Gina M. DiCola of Webster and Dina L. DiCola of New York; his mother, Carmela Cote of West Springfield; and a sister, Arlene Medeiros of Berkley.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam, and the burial was private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Brightside for Families and Children, 2112 Riverdale Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Doreen J. Deliso

Doreen J. (Jeffries) Deliso, 78, of Bradenton, Florida, and formerly of Agawam, died at her Florida home on October 18th.

She was a nurse.

Born in Falmouth, Nova Scotia, she was a graduate of American International College, and a 30-year Agawam resident. She moved south in 1975.

She was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Forces, founder and director of the Chalkliners Community Theater, general chairman of UNICEF of Western Massachusetts, and a member of Springfield's World Affairs Council.

She leaves her husband, Charles M. Deliso, and a son, Jeffrey D. of Norcross, Georgia.

Her daughter, Stacy J. Deliso, died in 1985.

There will be a memorial service on the morning of Thursday, November 13th, at the First Baptist Church in Agawam.

Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements in Western Massachusetts, and memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army, 984 West Columbus Avenue, Springfield, MA 01105.

Alban G. Spurrell

Alban G. Spurrell, 90, of 50 Cardinal Drive, Quail Run Estates, Agawam, died in Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

He had been a plant manager for Braintree Light and Power Co. for more than 25 years, before retiring in 1977.

He was born in Newfoundland and lived in Randolph and Florida before moving to Agawam.

He was a 4th degree and honorary 3rd degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He also was a member of the Braintree Rotary Club and the Holy Name Society of Braintree.

He was a longtime member of the Thomas Moore Parish in Braintree.

He leaves his wife, the former Yvette Valliere Beauregard; several stepchildren and grandchildren; one great-grandson; and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at the Ludlow Funeral Home, with services in St. John the Baptist Church in Ludlow. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Randolph.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 813 Williams Street, Longmeadow, MA 01106, or the Visiting Nurse Association of Western Massachusetts, 50 Maple Street, Springfield, MA 01105.

Douglas E. Pederzani

Douglas E. Pederzani, 65, of 106 Silver Street, Agawam, died at home.

He was a cab driver for 20 years.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Agawam for many years.

He served in Vietnam with the Air Force as a flight mechanic.

He was a member of the Agawam Sportsman's Club.

He leaves two brothers, Raymond J. Sr. of Enfield and Lawrence G. of Round Rock, Texas; four sisters, Beryl Burris of West Springfield, Sandra Hussey of New Port Richey, Florida, Mildred Burgess of Hudson, Florida, and Donna Pederzani of East Longmeadow; and a companion, Sheryl Powling.

The funeral was held at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home.

John H. Caloon

John H. Caloon, 90, of 56 Summer Street, Greenfield, died in an area nursing home.

He worked for the Boston & Maine and Pennsylvania Central Railroads for 33 years, and retired in 1972. He was an honorary member of Local 2054 of the Transport Workers of America.

After retirement, he was a custodian for the state Department of Parks and Recreation at the Mount Sugarloaf pavilion. He retired from there in 1987.

A native of Shelburne Falls, he attended local schools and moved to Greenfield later. He was a communicant of the Sacred Heart Church.

He was an Army corporal in World War II, and belonged to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 626 and American Legion Post 275 in Chicopee.

He was in the Elm Belcher Masonic Lodge in Agawam, was a 32nd-degree Mason in the Scottish Rite Bodies, and belonged to the Melha Shrine Temple and its Legion of Honor in Springfield.

He leaves two sons, John H. Jr. of Greenfield and Ronald T. of Chicopee; a daughter, Joanne Sikorski of Springfield; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and his companion, Ruby Stone of Greenfield.

The funeral was at McCarthy Funeral Home and the church, with a military burial in St. Anne's Cemetery at Turners Falls.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

Helen E. Farquhar

Helen E. (Collins) Farquhar, 79, of 93A Pheasant Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, died at home.

She was a 15-year Milton Bradley employee and retired in 1983. She previously worked for Underwood Typewriter in Hartford, Ct, and Hathaway and Stein Tobacco in Suffield, Ct.

Born in Waterbury, Ct, she was a longtime Feeding Hills resident.

She was a member of the Senior Citizens Social Club, Chapter 2, the Agawam Senior Center, and the Pheasant Hill Social Club.

Her husband, Kenneth R. Farquhar, died in 1980.

She leaves four daughters, Margaret Tassinari of Feeding Hills, Barbara Mrosz of Charlotte, North Carolina, Doris Krzykowski of Southwick, and Judy Broden of North Agawam; a brother, William of Feeding Hills; a sister, Cora Lamica of Springfield; 14 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at St. David's Episcopal Church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Pioneer Valley, 50 Maple Street, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

James P. Casey

James P. Casey, 62, of 10 Sanford Avenue, Enfield, CT, died at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford.

He worked at Kaman Aerospace Corp. in Bloomfield for 40 years, and was the production manager.

Born in Thompsonville, he was a lifelong Enfield area resident, and a communicant of St. Patrick's Church. He was a parish councilor and volunteer.

He was a graduate of Cathedral High School in Springfield, and played on the varsity basketball team.

He was a Navy veteran, and belonged to St. Anne's Country Club in Agawam, and Knights of Columbus Council 50.

He leaves two sons, Steven J. of Enfield and John P. of Washington, D.C.; two daughters, Susan Casey of Andover, MA, and Mary E. Casey of Nantucket, MA; two brothers, Dr. Edward J. of the Bronx, New York, and William J. of Niantic; and six grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels and the church, with the burial in St. Patrick's King Street Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Loaves and Fishes, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 28 Prospect Street, Enfield, CT 06082.

Constance I. Henry

Constance I. (LaBarre) Henry, 76, of 43 River Road, Agawam, died at home.

Born in Holyoke, she lived in Agawam for 40 years.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church, and a Red Cross volunteer.

She leaves her husband, William F. Henry; a son, Richard W. of Southwick; and two grandchildren, Jessica M. and William G. of Southwick.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church. The burial was held at St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 505 North Parkway, Box 3704, Memphis, Tennessee 38103.

Mary Balboni Truschelli

Mary (Piccoli) Balboni Truschelli, 81, of 49 Homer Street, Feeding Hills, died in West Springfield.

Born in Vittorio, Veneta, Italy, she was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church and a member of the Agawam Golden Agers.

She was a 41-year Feeding Hills resident, moving here from West Springfield.

Her first husband, Louis A. Balboni, died in 1974.

She leaves her husband, Joseph Truschelli; two sons, Raymond Balboni of Townsend and John Balboni of Bedford, New York; a brother, John of Springfield; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church in Agawam, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 53 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Margaret O. Giard

Margaret O. Albetine Giard, 94, formerly of Springfield and Agawam, died at Sippican Health Care Center of Marion.

She was a communicant of All Saints Church in Ware.

Her husband, Joseph J. Giard, died in 1979.

She leaves several nephews and nieces.

The funeral was held at All Saints Church, with burial in St. William's Cemetery.

Charbonneau Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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OBITUARIES - from Page 10...

Dorothy L. Nacewicz

Dorothy L. (Geoffrion) Nacewicz, 82, of 120 Edgewater Road, Agawam, died at home. She worked at the former Buxton Leather Co. plant.

A lifelong resident of Agawam, she was a 1933 graduate of Agawam High School.

She was a communicant of St. Theresa's Church, and a former member of its Ladies Guild. She also belonged to Golden Age Club Chapter 2.

She leaves her husband of 57 years, Anthony W. Nacewicz; two sons, Roy A. of Southgate, Michigan, and Lee W. of West Springfield; a brother, Ray Geoffrion of Florida; five grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home and the church, with the burial in Center Cemetery.

Vivian Gagnier

Vivian Gagnier, 95, of 45 Lower Westfield Road, Holyoke, died in that city's Geriatric Center.

She was a 42-year assembler at the former Westinghouse Corp. of Springfield.

Born in St. Antoine Abbe, Quebec, she lived in Springfield for most of her life. She also lived in Ludlow and Agawam before moving to Holyoke a few years ago.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam.

She leaves six nephews, the Rev. Roland Renaud of the Blessed Sacrament Church in Holyoke, Richard Riendeau of Latham, New York, Russell Gagner of Washougal, Washington, Gilbert Gagne of Voluntown, Connecticut, Ernest Gagne of Enfield, and Roland Gagne of Naples, Florida; and five nieces, Shirley Talbot of Jay, Vermont, Harriet Batchelder of Enfield, Beatrice Doherty of Enfield, Juliette Gagne of Enfield, and Claire Besner of Williamsburg.

The funeral was held at Byron's Allen Street Funeral Home and the church, with the burial in St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield.

Ratell Funeral Home of Indian Orchard was in charge of the arrangements.

Charles P. Nolan

Charles P. Nolan, 39, of 33 Elm Street, Westfield, died in Noble Hospital in Westfield.

He was a maintenance worker for several companies and Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks, CT.

Born in Springfield, he spent most of his life in Agawam before moving to Westfield 10 years ago.

He was a member of the Forum House, and was active at the East Mountain Head Injury Center.

He leaves his parents, Charles and Rita (Keane) Nolan of West Springfield; a brother, Paul of East Granby, CT; two sisters, Patricia Prosko of Blandford and Cynthia Nolan of West Springfield.

The funeral was held at the West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with the burial in Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills.

Memorial contributions may be made to the East Mountain Head Injury Center, 91 Elm Street, Westfield, MA 01095.

Merlys LaFogg

Merlys LaFogg, 74, formerly of 410 Stafford Street, Springfield, died at an Agawam nursing home.

She was a retired teacher at the Carl Allgord School in East Granby, CT, and was a nurse at several facilities, including Baystate Medical Center.

Born in Holyoke, she was a graduate of North Adams College and the North Adams Hospital Nursing School. She received a master's degree from Springfield College.

She was a former member of the Agawam Women's Club and the Springfield Businesswomen's Club.

She leaves a nephew, Roy Ashlin of Selbyville, Delaware, and a friend, Helen Egan of Agawam.

The funeral was held at the West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with the burial in West Cemetery at Shutesbury.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 53 Bliss Street, Springfield, MA 01105.

Rep. Keenan To Hold Financial Aid Night At Agawam Jr. High

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan invites all residents interested in learning about financing a higher education and the financial aid process to his third annual financial aid seminar at the Agawam Junior High School on Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00 p.m. The seminar will focus on how to finance a college education.

The seminar will discuss various aspects of financial aid and the process parents and students go through when applying to college. Scott D. Prince, Manager of the MassPlan External Relations from the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA), will help parents and students with the financial aid process.

The seminar will teach parents how to fill out financial aid applications forms, the process of filing the appropriate forms, how financial aid is calculated and awarded, how to compare financial aid award letters, and making alternative financing decisions.

Parents and families are encouraged to bring their personal financial figures to work along with Scott Prince. Parents and families may also address questions to Scott Prince at the conclusion of the seminar.

Admission is free and further information may be obtained by calling Rep. Keenan's district office at 786-4545. Any family interested in receiving an application for a low cost college loan, or more information may also contact MEFA at (617) 261-9760.

Agawam To Receive Additional \$212,736 From State Lottery

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan announced recently that Agawam will receive an estimated additional \$212,736 from the Massachusetts State Lottery.

All 351 cities and towns will receive additional aid that totals \$25 million unanticipated revenue from the Lottery.

This is the second additional payment the Lottery has made to local communities since the fiscal year ended. Agawam has been appointed a total of \$2.6 million for FY 1997. In addition to the \$212,736, Agawam was allocated \$2.4 million in the FY 1997 budget and \$93,978 in a FY 1997 supplemental budget.

Final figures for FY 1997 indicate that a total of \$529 million Lottery revenue has been distributed to the 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. Lottery sales increased 5.4 percent to \$3.2 billion, and profits grew at an even faster 8.7 percent rate to \$720 million.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1997, at 6:30 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of DOCTOR JOHN E. GUNTLY, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-12 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the creation of an "Animal Hospital" at the premises identified as: 59-65 MILL STREET.

Ronald A. Hebert
Chairman

Published: November 6, 1997

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TOWN OF AGAWAM
AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 13, 1997 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing is to hear the petition of the T&R Wholesale Foods for work to be performed on 745 Springfield Street, subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
Published: November 6, 1997

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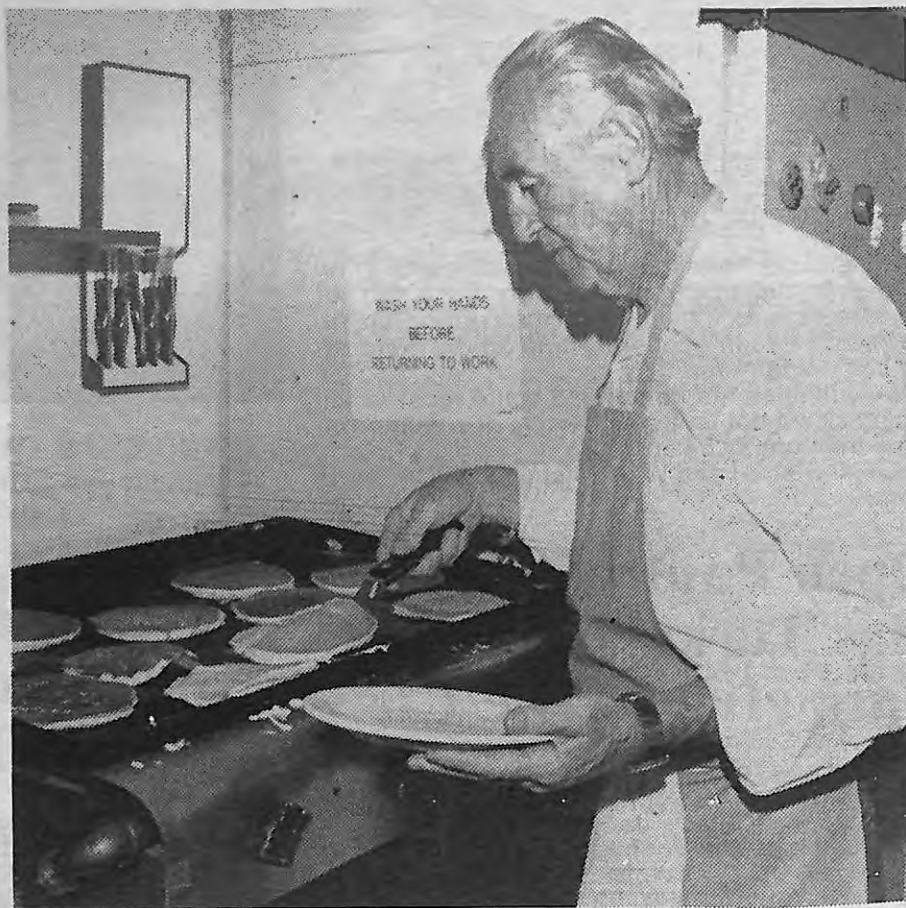
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Families

Lions & Senior Games Athletes Join For Breakfast



ATTENDING THE RECENT pancake breakfast at the Agawam Senior Center to sponsor the Agawam Senior Games Athletes were members of the Wright family, Anne, Brianna, and Kathleen. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Agawam Lions Club member John Negrucci was one of the kitchen workers who helped in the kitchen. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



HMMMMMM GOOD: Annie Cinnie is ready for her pancake breakfast sponsored by the Agawam Senior Games Athletes at the Agawam Senior Center. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Senior Games Athletes who assisted with the breakfast included Joe Curran, Desiree M. Jacobs, Hal Deyo, and Angelo Polumbo.

Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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2 Agawam Policemen Receive Honors At Retirement Party

A retirement party was recently held at Oak Ridge Country Club for Alfred Longhi and Walter Zymroz.

Al retires after 40 years of service. Al is truly a gentleman as well as a gentle man. His concern was always for the people of Agawam and especially its children.

As Safety Officer, he initiated the Safe Halloween Program. He put in countless hours of his own time to improve the program as well as the community.

Walt's retirement comes as a result of suffering a career-ending injury while on duty. For a number of years, he was a member of the Traffic Bureau. He could be seen frequently both on the motorcycle and doing radar.

We will miss his humor and smile most of all. His quick wit got us through some down times on more than one occasion.

We all wish Al and Walt a happy, healthy retirement.



RETIRED AGAWAM POLICE OFFICERS Walter Zymroz (with Police Chief Robert Campbell) and Alfred Longhi (with Officer Karen Langevin) receive their plaques at a retirement party in their honor at Oak Ridge Golf Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Open Pantry Again Has Turkey Dinner At Springfield Civic Ctr.

Open Pantry Community Services, Inc., a community service agency which provides shelter, social work advocacy, daily meals, and emergency groceries to the poor and homeless, will hold its 13th annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner at 12:00 noon at the Springfield Civic Center on November 27th.

Anyone who would like to share in this community meal is welcome to attend, and there is no admission fee. Transportation to the Civic Center can be arranged for people unable to get there on their own. If a ride is needed, please call 737-5354 between the hours of 1:00 and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Any contributions of desserts (pies, cakes, and cookies) and fruit will be greatly appreciated. The food items may be dropped off at the Civic Center after 9:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day. Financial donations may be sent to the Open Pantry Community Services, Inc., P.O. Box 5127, Springfield, MA 01101-5127.

We have much to be thankful for, let's share it with others.

AHS Class Of 1972 Schedules Its 25th Reunion

Agawam High School's class of 1972 will hold its 25th reunion on November 28, 1997 at Alexander's in Feeding Hills.

If you know the addresses of any of the following missing classmates, please contact Diana Hopkins, 108 Monroe Street, Agawam, MA 01001:

Leonard Ares, Mark Beaulieu, Theresa Beaulieu, Bruce Conant, Gary Costa, William Daudelin, Sharon Davio, Debbie Rex, Mitzi Fay, Catherine Gale, Gary Gibbs, Cynthia Grimaldi, Tim Harrison, Melisa Holman, Debbie Knowles, Don Lamoureux, Paul Rose, Donna Mazza Moore, Thomas Acquaro, Judy Arnold Turcotte, Gary Smith, Nancy Meucci Cox, Lance Lamagdeleine, Brad Hedges, Ralph Morin, Diana Ploof, Brian Nichols.

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Holiday Craft Fair Slated By Polish American Women

The Polish American Women's Auxiliary will continue a tradition with its annual holiday craft fair, to be held on Saturday, November 8th, at the Polish Club Pavilion, 139 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills.

Handcrafted items by local artists, a Polish American kitchen, and homebaked foods will be available from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Christmas is just around the corner. Hope to see you there!

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Heritage Hall Announces Annual Christmas Bazaar

Heritage Hall Centers, a member of the Genesis ElderCare network, is having its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 8th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Bazaar will take place on the Heritage Hall campus located off of Cooper Street and Main Street.

Each of the four campus buildings will be selling craft items and baked goods made by Heritage Hall residents and the community. In addition, tag sale tables and raffles will be held.

Proceeds from the Bazaar will be used for special event programming for residents. The public is encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Kimberly George, Director of Volunteer Services, at 786-8000, extension 217.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 20, 1997 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of CDC Realty, Inc. for a Definitive Subdivision Plan of High Meadow Phase III. This proposed subdivision will be an extension of Anvil Street and Wagon Wheel Drive and will consist of 22 lots on approximately 17 acres of land.

By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
Agawam Planning Board
Published: November 6, 1997

Our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime. Thanks.

Brightside In West Spfld. To Begin Two Therapy Groups

Two therapy groups offered by Brightside Counseling Associates will begin in November. The sessions are held at Brightside for Families and Children's main campus, 2112 Riverdale St., West Springfield, MA.

The groups set start during November are "Children with Tourette's Syndrome"; and "Mother/Daughter Adolescent Group."

Ongoing groups include "Anger Management"; "Children's ADHD Treatment"; "Divorce/Separation Group"; "Depression Group"; "Assertiveness Group for Women"; "Adolescent Girls' Group"; "Men's Group, Women's Group Against Domestic Violence"; and "Children of Domestic Violence."

Dates, times, number of sessions, and fees vary. Call (413) 827-4233 for more information and to register.

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AGAWAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION members who learned about witchcraft included, from left - Wesley Bradford, treasurer; John Zebryk, vice-president; Frances Gagnon, historian; and Rick Bellico, president. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Historical Assoc. Learns About Origins Of Witchcraft

On October 28th, the weathermen served us a perfect Halloween-type evening for those attending the Agawam Historical Association's first meeting to learn about the origins of witchcraft in Massachusetts.

Frances Gagnon, local historian and Chair of the Springfield Historical Commission, enthralled the large number in attendance with stories of how the practice of witchcraft actually began. Based in part on original historical research she herself performed, Gagnon informed the group that the source of witchcraft can be directly traced to the Connecticut River Valley and the early Springfield settlement at least 50 years before it became known in Salem.

One of those falsely accused can be traced to a present-day Agawam family. She said that schoolchildren from Salem and elsewhere should be coming to this area to learn of the cultural and social climate from which the fear of witchcraft sprang and not the other way around.

The October 28th meeting successfully launched the Historical Association's 1997/98 program year. Rick Bellico, President of the Association, announced to the group that the main thrust of the Association's efforts will continue to be the raising of funds to convert the former Elm Street fire station into Agawam's first historical museum.

He reported that in the first year, they have raised approximately \$15,000 in cash contributions and in-kind services, which is 50 percent of their \$30,000 goal. He appealed to the membership and the community for its continued interest and support.

As part of its fundraising efforts, in addition to soliciting contributions and increasing membership, the Association is offering a number of new items for sale. Available for gift-giving and this holiday season will be posters, note paper, and postcards. On each of these gift items is a very attractive reproduction, in color, of a painting of the fire station done by a noted local artist.

In response to local demand, there are also now available birdhouses made by an Agawam craftsman which are amazing, scaled-down, and repainted wooden replicas of the firehouse itself.

For more information on gift items or membership, call 568-9147, ext. 224, or 786-6835.

West Side's Thanksgiving Dinner Named In Phil Coburn's Memory

The West Springfield Parish and Interfaith Association is proud to announce its sponsorship of the 16th annual Thanksgiving Dinner, renamed the *Phil Coburn Annual Thanksgiving Dinner*, in honor of Mr. Phil Coburn, Editor of the *West Springfield Record*, who passed away.

Mr. Coburn was a dear friend to the Parish Association, and without his help, the dinner never would have gotten off the ground.

The dinner is open to the public, free of charge, on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27th from 12:00 noon-3:00 p.m. at the Mittineague United Methodist Church, 800 Amostown Road, West Springfield.

A shuttle van will be leaving the Open Pantry at 1023 Main St. at 12:00 noon on the day of the event for those who need transportation. Meal deliveries will be made to those who are unable to leave their homes to join the group meal at the Church. Please call Lori Amsden at 739-5445 if you would like to volunteer to deliver meals, or if you would like to sign up to have a meal delivered to your home.

The Parish Association requests donations of turkeys, hams, desserts, and rolls for the event, and is also looking for individuals and families who might be willing to help with clean-up duty afterwards, from 2:45 p.m. onward. Please call Barbara Amsden at 733-8682 if you would like to help out in this effort.

Donations of foodstuffs can also be made to Mrs. Amsden at her home at 60 Worthy Avenue, West Springfield. Financial contributions may be made to Kay Plourde, Treasurer of the Parish Association, at 49 Verdugo Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Because we offer the meals free of charge, we rely solely on donations of money, food and volunteer help. We ask that you think about this worthy cause, and invite you to participate in any way possible.

According to Barbara Amsden, "The event has grown from 120 people served in 1981 to 950 people served in 1996! The joy of sharing with others far outweighs the tremendous amount of preparation involved in preparing the meal."

Especially helpful is the yearly support on the part of on-duty firefighters and police officers, who deliver meals in conjunction with other community volunteers to elderly shut-ins (over 300 senior citizens served in their homes last year!) and to our friends and neighbors who are in the hospital.



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BABY MICHAEL D. LLOYD

Third Child Born To Lloyd Family Of Feeding Hills

Christine and David Lloyd of Feeding Hills are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Michael David Lloyd. Michael arrived on September 15, 1997 at 9:20 a.m. weighing in at seven pounds, seven ounces and 22½ inches long.

Overjoyed by his arrival were his two proud sisters, Julia (4) and Rachel (1).

Michael is the grandson of Patricia and Robert Lloyd of Feeding Hills, Janice Colagiovanni of Agawam, and Nicholas Colagiovanni of Wallingford, Connecticut.

Great-grandparents are Helen Haiko of Enfield, Connecticut, Beatrice Lloyd of East Longmeadow, and Marion and Howard Mills of Ludlow.

Michael was also welcomed by his two brand new cousins, Antonio Joseph Bruno of Feeding Hills, who was four days-old and one month-old Cree Elizabeth Daniels of Feeding Hills.

Senior Ctr. Friends Plan Annual Meeting For November 14th

"Friends" of the Agawam Senior Center will hold its Annual Meeting at the Agawam Senior Center on Friday, November 14th at 1:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend and annual dues of \$3 are due at this time.

If you are interested in being on the Board of Directors, please come to the annual meeting and find out how you can become involved.

The "Friends" organization helps the Senior Center by purchasing materials and appliances that are not included in their budget.

If you have any questions, please call Lil Doyle at 786-9586 or Nellie Mathias at 786-9093.

Local Toastmasters To Hold Open House

The Agawam/West Side Toastmasters will hold an Open House on Thursday, November 20th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street (next to Agawam High School).

Guests from all communities are always welcome. Please call 593-6937 for more information.

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BABY ANTONIO J. BRUNO

Bruno Family Adds Second Child To The Clan

Michael and Nora Bruno of Feeding Hills are happy to announce the birth of their second child, Antonio Joseph Bruno.

Antonio arrived on Thursday, September 11th at 5:51 a.m. He weighed in at eight pounds, five ounces and measured 20 inches long.

He was given a warm welcome by many friends and family, including his excited two year-old brother, Nicholas, and cousins Julia, Rachel, and Michael Lloyd.

Tony's proud grandparents are Robert and Patricia Lloyd and Adolfo and Anna Bruno. His great-grandparents are Howard and Marion Mills of Ludlow and Beatrice Lloyd of East Longmeadow.

NEWS40 Team To Help With Thanksgiving Dinner

For the fourth year, WGGB will be helping to put a Thanksgiving meal on the tables of 500 needy families in the Greater Springfield area.

NEWS40 is supplying the turkeys, rolls, and cider. Viewers are asked to donate canned vegetables, packages of stuffing, instant potatoes (please, no fresh potatoes), cranberry sauce, and nonperishable desserts.

Food donations may be dropped off at the WGGB parking lot at 1300 Liberty Street, Springfield (just across from the Springfield Plaza) during normal business hours.

The campaign began Monday, November 3rd and will end on Friday, November 21st. Distribution will be made during Thanksgiving week from lists supplied by the Salvation Army.

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THE GRIFFIN TWINS, LEXI & CAM

Griffin Family Announces Birth Of Twins, Lexi & Cam

Leah and Brian Griffin of Feeding Hills proudly announce the birth of their twins, daughter Lexi and son Cam, on September 10, 1997.

Maternal grandparents are John and Cyndi Negrucchi of Feeding Hills. Fraternal grandparents are Larry and Regina Griffin of Springfield.

Great-grandparent is Mrs. Mary Negrucchi of West Springfield.

Sasha ZeBryk To Give Mini-Workshop At Barnes & Noble

On Sunday, November 16th, Agawam trainer and consultant Sasha ZeBryk will present a mini-workshop at the Barnes & Noble bookstore in Holyoke.

The topic of her presentation is "SpeakEasy." She will offer five tips for conquering your fears and increasing your confidence any time you must speak in public. This half-hour workshop starts at 2:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public. Come to the Barnes and Noble bookstore in Holyoke near the Ingleside Mall.

Sasha is president of MDZ Seminars/The WHOLE Woman Conference and presents seminars and workshops to corporations and organizations throughout the country. Her topics include presentation skills, customer service, and networking.

Sasha is the author of the soon-to-be-released book, "Working the Room Like a Pro."

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World War II continued. Roosevelt and Churchill conferred at Casablanca, Morocco, on the "unconditional surrender of Germany, Italy, and Japan."

British and American armies captured the German-held cities of Tunis and Bizerte. Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy resigned (July 25th), Italy ended (September 8th) hostilities with the United, severed relations with Germany, and declared (October 13th) war on its former ally.

General Dwight Eisenhower was appointed Supreme Commander of the Anglo-American forces for the invasion of Europe.

The American war effort was really under way on a scale hitherto unknown. As a British observer remarked, "To the Americans, war is a business, not an art."

The cost of the war staggered everyone's imagination. World War I, which lasted less than two years, cost about \$35,000,000,000. By mid-year of 1943, World War II was costing \$8,000,000,000 per month.

As never before in American history, women found a place in military service. The "Wac's" came into existence when the Women's Army Corps was established. Soon there were "Waves," "Wasps," and "Spars."

After the middle of the year, all wage earners and salaried employees received their pay minus 20 percent in compliance with the pay-as-you-go income tax law.

The most popular male vocalists were Frank Sinatra, Bob Eberle, Ray Eberle, Harry Babbitt, Vaughn Monroe, Tommy Ryan, and Dick Haymes.

The most popular female vocalists were Helen Forrest, Helen O'Connell, Peggy Lee, Marion Hutton, Anita O'Day, and Donna Dae.

Some of the number-one hit songs during the year were "I Heard That Song Before," "Paper Doll," "Sunday-Monday-Or Always You'll Never Know," "Pistol Packin' Mama," "As Time Goes By," "There Are Such Things," "Praise The Lord And Pass The Ammunition," "When The Lights Go On Again All Over The World," "Coming In On A Wing And A Prayer," "Taking A Chance On Love," "I Had The Craziest Dream," "In The Blue Of Evening," and "All Or Nothing At All."



JOSE CASTRO AND LAURIE GAUDREAU

Laurie Gaudreau Engaged To Wed Jose Castro

Richard and Catherine Gaudreau of West Springfield (formerly of Agawam) are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Laurie, to Jose Castro of Indian Orchard. He is the son of Jose and Maria Castro, also of Indian Orchard.

The future bride graduated from Cathedral High School. She also graduated from The Elms College in 1995 with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. She is a licensed Social Worker and is also certified in Intensive Special Needs. Laurie is currently employed as a Special Needs Teacher at Bellamy Middle School in Chicopee and is completing her Master's Degree in Moderate Special Needs at Westfield State College.

Jose graduated from Western New England College in 1995 with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. He received his Master's Degree in Criminal Justice in 1997 also from Western New England College. He is currently employed as a Correctional Case Worker with the Hampden County Sheriff's Department in Ludlow.

A May 24, 1998 wedding is planned.

Italian Women's Club To Meet On Nov. 17th At Alexander's In F.H.

The November 17th meeting of the Italian Women's Club will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Alexander's Restaurant, 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The meetings are open to all women of Italian heritage (either born Italian or married to an Italian). This month's topic is "Membership Revitalizing."

The hostesses for the November 17th meeting are Ms. Jean Deliso and Mrs. Laura Coppola. For more information, call Ms. Deliso at 789-6911, or Mrs. Coppola at 786-2701.

Spaghetti & Meatball Supper On Nov. 7th At Springfield Turnverein

The Springfield Turnverein of Agawam, located at 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills, will hold a spaghetti and meatball supper at the Club on Friday, November 7th. Serving time will be from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

The price is \$6 for adults and \$2.50 for children 10 years of age and under. Please make your reservations by calling the Club at 786-0924.

Music following dinner will be provided by DJ Dick. Bring the whole family for an enjoyable evening.



MICHAEL GILLETTE AND TARA BRITTAIN

Tara M. Brittain Engaged To Wed Michael L. Gillette

Peter and Gail Brittain of Feeding Hills are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tara Marie, to Michael L. Gillette. He is the son of Barbara Gillette of Agawam.

The future bride is a 1992 graduate of Agawam High School and a graduate of Bay Path College. She is employed as a preschool teacher at Yeshiva Academy in Longmeadow.

The future groom is a 1990 graduate of Agawam High School and a graduate of Westfield State College. He is employed as a production and inventory analyst at the Kimball Companies in East Longmeadow, and has been enlisted in the Army National Guard since 1992.

A May 1998 wedding is planned.

Bottle Drive To Benefit Boy Scout Troop 82

On Saturday, November 8th, Boy Scout Troop 82 will be having a bottle and can drive at Dave's Soda and Pet City, 11 Ramah Circle, Agawam.

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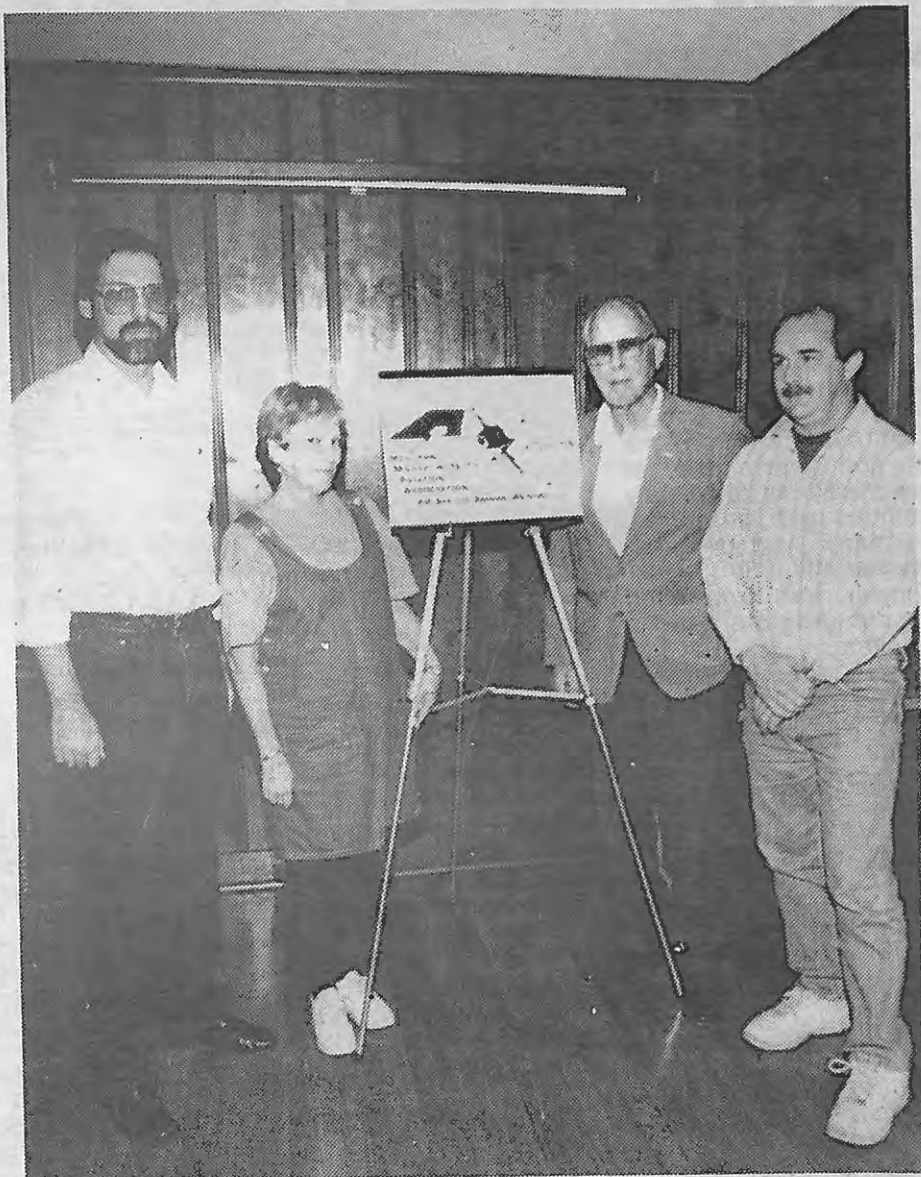
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WMass Aviation Association Meets At Leonard House



THE WESTERN MASS. AVIATION ASSOCIATION held its October meeting at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street with Corky Meyer as the guest speaker. From left - Chuck Horner (Agawam), Lu Parchick-Cauley (Agawam), Corky Meyer, and Harland Avezzie. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Country Holiday Fair At Country Estates

Country Estates of Agawam, located at 1200 Suffield Street (Route 75) will be holding its annual Country Holiday Fair on Friday, November 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Included in the fair will be craft items, baked goods, raffles, and holiday gift items. There are still a few spaces available for craft vendors. The public is welcome.

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Agawam Retired Employees To Hold November 12th Mtg.

Agawam Retired Employees, now known as A.R.E., will have a meeting on Wednesday, November 12th, at the Agawam Public Library on Cooper Street.

The executive board will meet at 1:00 p.m., and at 2:00 p.m. there will be a meeting open to all retired employees and interested spouses.

Richard Theroux, town clerk, will be our speaker. He will update us on the changes in the Hampden County Retirement System and on the progress in obtaining COLAs for the eligible members.

All Agawam retired employees are urged to attend this meeting. These are your benefits, and you need to be informed and involved.

Daniel A. Markin Is Now Airman First Class In Louisiana

Daniel A. Markin has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of airman first class.

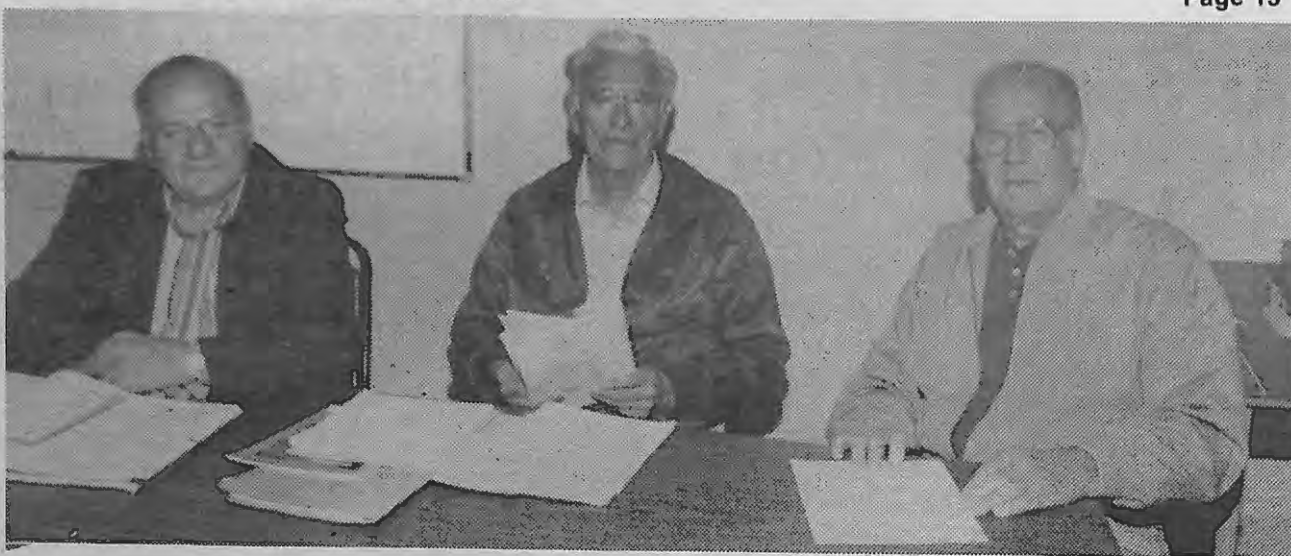
Markin is a missile maintenance team member assigned to the 2nd Munitions Squadron at Barksdale Air Force Base, Bossier City, Louisiana.

He is the son of Teresa M. and stepson of Michael W. Oehler of 23103 Hampton Forest Lane, Spring, Texas.

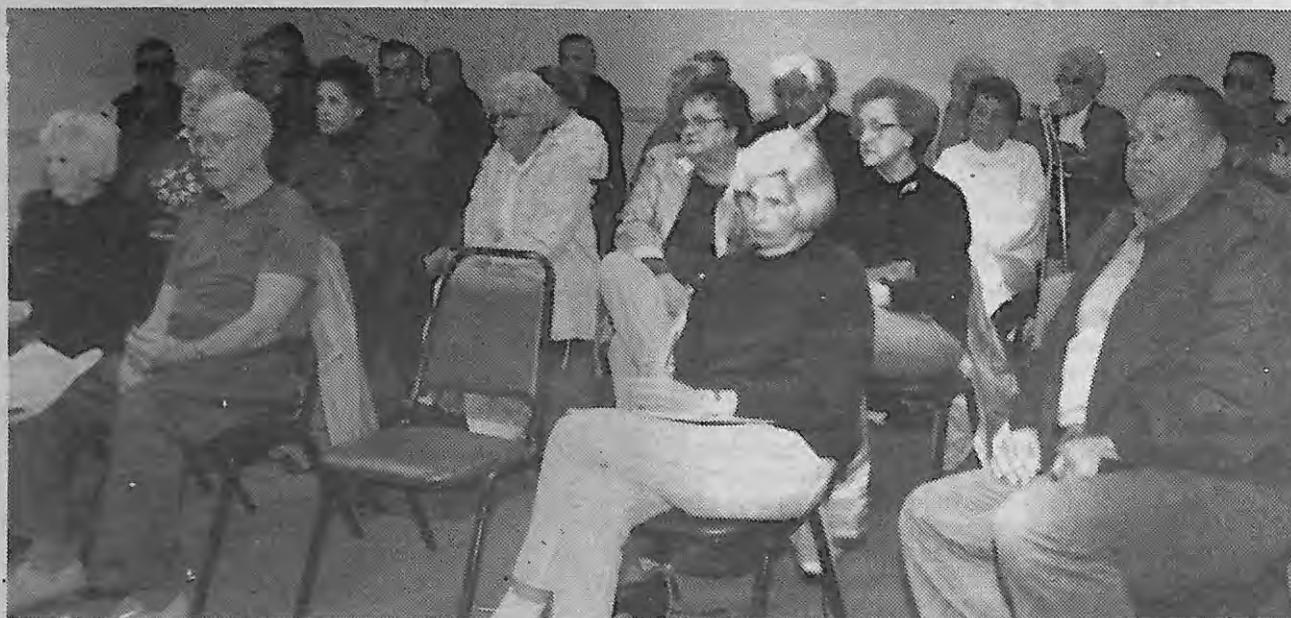
His wife, Kathleen, is the daughter of Michael J. Fresno of 27 Emerson Road, Agawam, and Carolyn S. Ferrero of 207 Lynwood Drive, Salem, Illinois.

The airman is a 1994 graduate of Klein Oak High School, Spring.

Our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime. Thanks.



RETIREED AGAWAM TOWN EMPLOYEES, from left - John Chriscola, Kenneth Grady, and Charles Kistner officiated at the October meeting of the Agawam Retired Employees (A.R.E.) group. The group will next meeting on Wednesday, November 12th. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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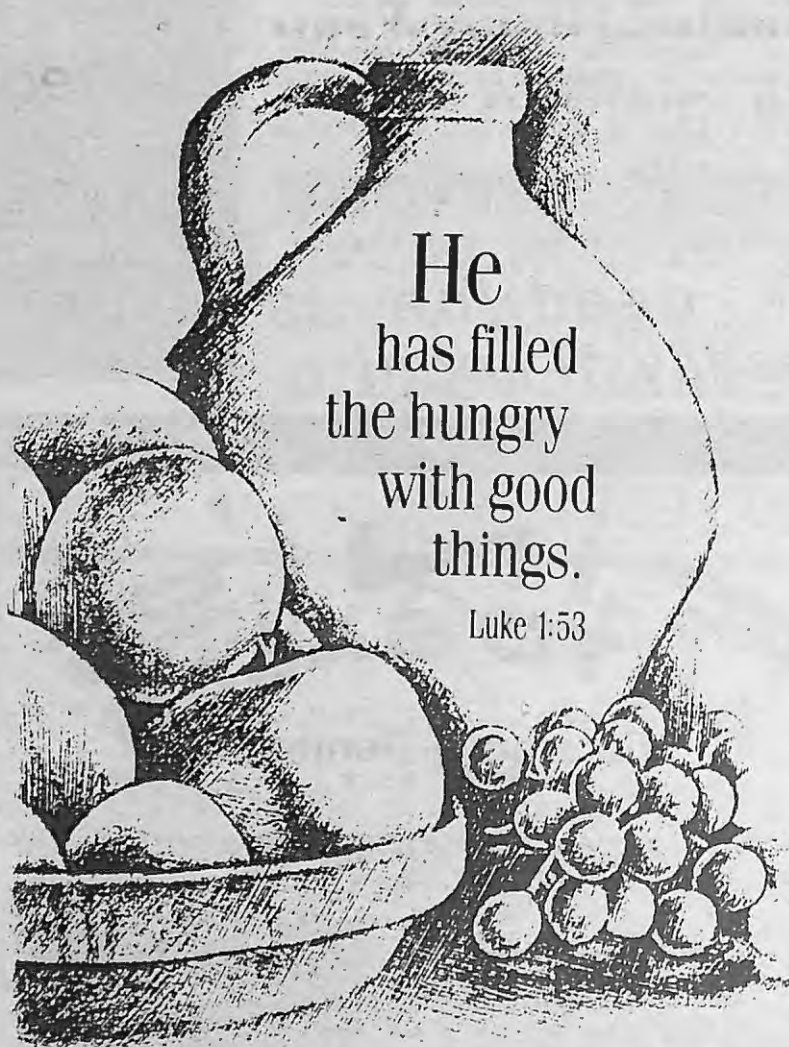
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Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, November 10th: Pork chops, baked potato, peas and carrots, whole wheat bread, homemade apple pie.

Tuesday, November 11th: Veterans' Day (Senior Center closed).

Wednesday, November 12th: Stuffed peppers, mashed potatoes and corn, pumpernickel bread, peaches.

Thursday, November 13th: Oven-fried chicken, steamed spinach, long grain and wild rice, rye bread, baked custard.

Friday, November 14th: Zucchini/tomato soup, tuna fish grinder, macaroni salad, fresh banana.

Legion Members Attend Annual Fall Conference

The annual Regional Eastern Division conference of the American Legion Posts and Auxiliaries was held recently and the Fall Conference was held in October.

The Regional Conference is held in a different state each year. This year, it was held in Manchester, New Hampshire. It was attended by Past Director Peg Brown of the American Legion Unit 185.

Much can learned about benefits for veterans and their families, laws being enacted, homeless veterans, and much more.

The Fall Conference was held at the Holiday Inn at Westborough. Conference rooms were set up for chairmanships, such as Veterans Rehab (VA&R), Americanism, Children & Youth, Community Services, and many others.

Posts and Auxiliaries are very active in everything but much is not said about the good they do, always looking the other way.

This year's special project for St. Jude's Children's Hospital is collecting tabs and Marlboro stamps for monies to be given for those who are still in need of help.

Won't you join us and maybe become a member?

Those attending the Fall Conference include Mary Ellen Morissette (president), "Tina" Kristen Henson, and Peg Brown (PDD).

Our deadline is Tuesday at noon!

35th Class Reunion For AHS 1962



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1962 recently gathered for their 35th class reunion. **IN TOP PHOTO**, classmates coming from the farthest distance to attend included, from left - Alan Clark, Ohio; Rusty Harnois, Bridgewater (MA); Pamela Gay, New York; Connie Harris Slawecki, Washington, D.C.; Buddy Baker, Pittsburgh; and Ron "Doc" Borgatti, Cincinnati. **PHOTO BELOW** are members of the reunion committee. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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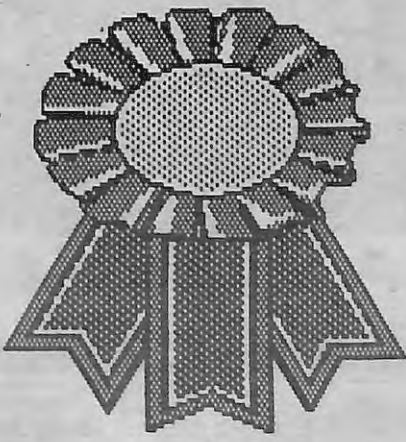
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35th Reunion For AHS Class Of 1962



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1962 gathered for their 35th class reunion recently at East Mountain Country Club. RELATED PHOTOS ON PREVIOUS PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Octoberfest Celebration At Heritage Hall



HERITAGE HALL NURSING HOME (North Building) recently gathered for an Octoberfest Celebration. From left - Pat Tencati, Judy McCollum, Marilyn Bliss, Kiesha Brown, and Sharon Ritter. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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DOREEN HEALEY & JODY MOFFETT

Doreen E. Healey Engaged To Wed Jody M. Moffett

David and Jeanne Healey of Feeding Hills are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Doreen Elizabeth, to Jody Michael Moffett, son of Susan and Thomas Moffett, of Ludlow.

Doreen is a graduate of Cathedral High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in veterinary technology of Quinnipiac College. She is currently employed by Animal Care Associates of Charleston, West Virginia.

Jody is a graduate of Ludlow High School. He attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering. He is employed by Union Carbide, also of Charleston.

The wedding will take place on October 10, 1998 at Sacred Heart of Jesus of West Brookfield, MA.

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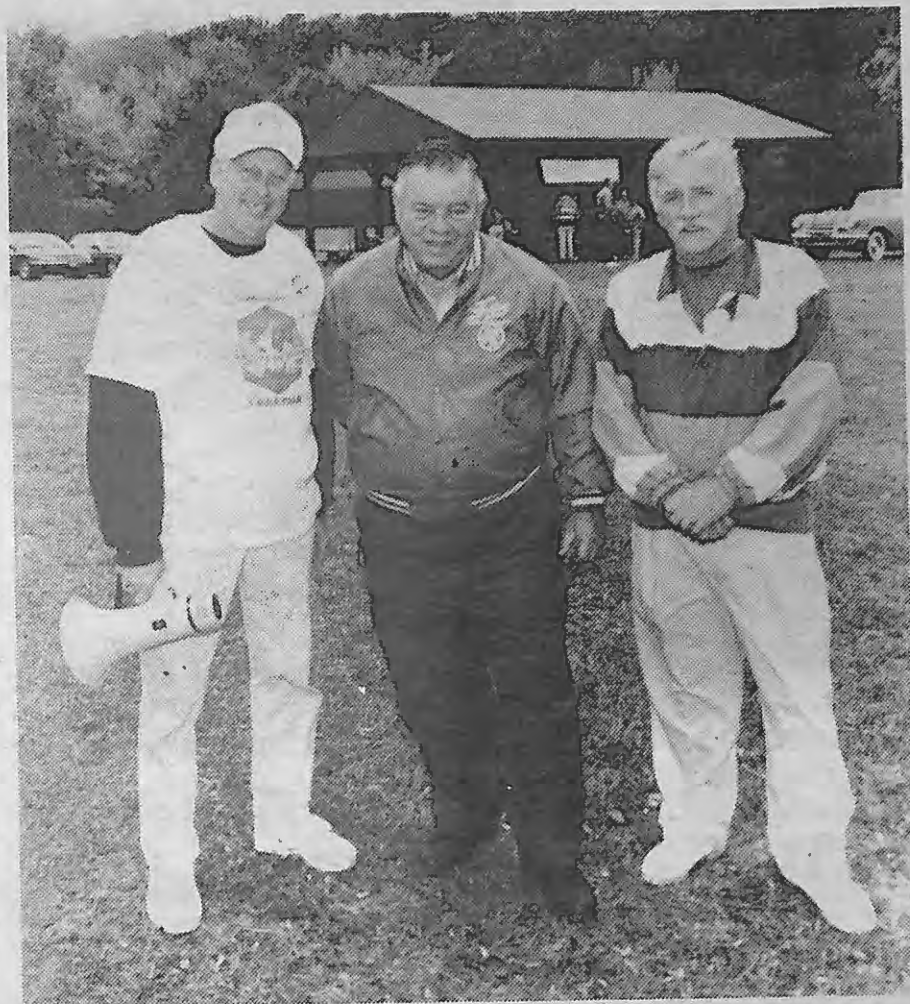
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Annual CROP Walk Held In Agawam



TOWNSPEOPLE GATHERED FOR THE Annual CROP Walk recently at the Agawam United Methodist Church on Mill Street. **IN PHOTO LEFT**, Bud Hardy, Bob Broga (walk coordinator), and Vincent Callahan (walk treasurer) were three of the key people involved; **IN PHOTO RIGHT**, Reverend Evelyn Lavelli receives a check from John Cleveland and Richard Chapman of the Crankers Antique Car Club. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



SOME OF THE CROP WALK walkers get ready for their trek through the community. From left - Bud Hardy, Bob Broga, John Negrucci, John Cleveland, State Rep. and Mrs. Daniel Keenan (and their son, Jack), and Vincent Callahan. The walk began at the Agawam United Methodist Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AND THEY'RE OFF: Agawam CROP Walkers start the annual event from the Agawam United Methodist Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Practice Being Held For WWII Dance On Thursday, Nov. 20th

A World War II Victory Dance will be held Friday, November 21st from 7:00-10:00 p.m. The dance is the final highlight of the World War II Intergenerational Week involving senior citizens and the students at Agawam High School.

Adult instrumentalists are invited to "sit in" for any part of the program. A practice will be held in the Agawam High School Band Room on Thursday evening, November 20th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. for any who would like to play through some of the numbers that will be performed.

Attendance at the practice session is not required for participation on Dance Night.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, November 13, 1997 at 7:00 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of the LA Group for property located on Main Street.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
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The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 13, 1997 at 7:30 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing is to hear the petition of the Town of Agawam for work to be performed on Elm Street, Suffield Street, and Main Street, subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

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FEEDING HILLS RESIDENT MICHELE RILEY (left) and Annette Dunn of West Springfield, case workers for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Hampden County, say that contrary to common belief, it is not too late to intervene in a pre-teen's life.

Michele Riley On Staff Of Big Brothers/Sisters Of Hampden County

One of the myths about raising children is that it is too late to intervene in a pre-teen or teen's life. Many people believe that children of that age are too set in their ways, have developed too many bad habits and are not impressionable according to case manager Michele Riley of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampden County.

The myth is perpetuated by life in the popular culture of the day; by poor role models of the television generation and by most importantly: peer pressure. Under this cloud, according to Riley, many children are socially isolated. They might get involved with the "wrong crowd," have trouble with relationships, problems with school work, and tend to listen more to their peers than to an adult.

Exploding The Myth

"The Big Brothers Big Sisters program has proven that myth wrong. Our Big Brother and Sister mentors are proven effective at making changes in a teen's life," said Riley.

Volunteers must commit four hours every other week, have a high school education, a car, and an interest in helping children.

Children eligible for the program come from a single parent home. They are ages seven through 14. For boys, there is a considerable waiting list for volunteers.

Big Brothers Big Sisters case worker Annette Dunn of West Springfield, describes the changes that can occur when a Big Brother or Sister intervenes:

In a typical match where an adult volunteer is matched with a child, the dynamics start changing. "The kids are, in fact, forming an identity at this age. We have found that teens are interested in learning from an adult, although not necessarily a parent," observed Dunn.

"That's where intervention becomes very effective. Some single parents are busy with two jobs. They may have several more children at home and just don't have the time to devote to them. When a Big Brother or Sister comes along, under their guidance, they learn to adapt better to authority figures, cope with stresses in the home or react rationally in the community. The mentors can help them learn socially acceptable behavior that might not be taught by a parent," said Dunn.

"We have seen relationships develop on a one-to-one basis that made a difference in a youngster's life. Shared activities as simple as a Little Brother and Big Brother just hanging out watching sports on TV together can bring a sense of security and hope for the future for the boy," observed Riley.

Creating A Connection

Riley, who resides in Feeding Hills, holds a Master's Degree in social work from Boston University and applied those skills at the Italian Home for Children in Boston where she worked on behavioral interventions.

"A positive connection can influence a teen while he or she is forming an identity. The mentor becomes a role model who can help to normalize what the teen is experiencing and can help them plan for the future," she explained.

Currently there is a waiting list for eligible children and teens at the Springfield area agency. Volunteers who have an interest in learning about being Big Brothers or Sisters can register for regular orientations by calling 781-4730 or visit their site on the World Wide Web at www.bigbrothers-sisters.org.

Rosalie Dialessi At National Conference Of Women's Clubs

Rosalie Dialessi, a member of the Agawam Junior Women's Club, was one of 800 women at the General Federation of Women's Clubs' 106th annual convention in Phoenix, Arizona.

In addition to attending business sessions and workshops, Mrs. Dialessi heard addresses by Lynn Sherr, Emmy Award-winning correspondent for ABC News' 20/20, and Ilana DeBare, a San Francisco reporter whose winning series on the gender gap in the computer industry earned her the \$1,000 cash award in the Jane Cunningham Croly/GFWC Print Journalism Contest for Excellence in Covering Women's Issues.

GFWC International President Faye Dissinger spoke about the special project for her administration, "Celebrate Women" Past, Present Future." She told members about the project's "present" segment, *Which Way Forward For Women?* forums, which are being held by clubs around the country. "These sessions are valuable in that they allow participants the opportunity to discuss the fundamental questions of how to choose and fulfill the roles women play, often simultaneously, throughout their lives," she said.

To kick off their commitment to the Presidents' Summit for America's Future, GFWC clubwomen brought children's books that were donated by the organization to the Phoenix Public Library. The Federation has pledged to increase the literacy of our nation's youth with a goal of contributing at least \$12.5 million worth of books and materials to public libraries and public school libraries by the year 2000. Needless to say, the Agawam Junior Women's Club is now collecting donations for books to be given to our own school and public libraries.

GFWC is an international organization of 6,500 community-based volunteer women's clubs, with over a million members worldwide in 20 countries. The Agawam Junior Women's Clubs has been a member of the Federation since 1957 and is known locally for the Holiday Baskets, Food Booth at Soccer Jamboree, Arts & Crafts Festival, and Safety Bug Program.



AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB MEMBER Rosalie Dialessi was one of 800 women at the General Federation of Women's Clubs' 106th Annual Convention in Phoenix, Arizona.

"Almost" Free Advice Workshop Planned At Leonard House For Saturday, Nov. 15th

On Saturday, November 15th, Agawam trainers and counselors, Sasha ZeBryk and Mary Ann Dietschler, will present the first of a four-part workshop series entitled "Almost" Free Advice Your Mother Tried To Teach You.

Part I of the series includes understanding powerful body language, tips for interviewing for a future mate, ingredients for making genuine friendships and an update on etiquette in the '90's, and much more. Pastries, coffee, and tea will be served at this fun and interactive workshop.

The series will be held at the **Captain Leonard House** on Main Street in Agawam. Part I on November 15th is from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Each workshop is \$29, and the entire series of four workshops is \$89. Bring a friend and send your check to **The Living Legacy Foundation**, c/o Mary Ann Dietschler, 281 Elm Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Sessions II, III, and IV will be held in February, April, and June of 1998. Call Mary Ann Dietschler at 789-7722, or Sasha ZeBryk at 821-0086 for a complete brochure.

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Church News

Roast Beef Dinner At F.H. Congregational



OPERATION FRIENDSHIP members Ryan White and Amanda Rozanski were two of the kitchen helpers at the recent Roast Beef Dinner at Feeding Hills Congregational Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ENJOYING THE RECENT OPERATION FRIENDSHIP Roast Beef Dinner at Feeding Hills Congregational Church were (photo below) Sidney & Anna Conklin, while Richard Rozanski and Jennifer McGuire (PHOTO ABOVE), both Operation Friendship members, supervised the baked sale table. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

St. Thomas Women Plan Craft Fair On Sat., Nov. 15th

The Women's Club of the St. Thomas Church, Westfield Street (Route 20), West Springfield will hold their fifth annual Holiday Craft Fair in the school auditorium on Saturday, November 15th from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

The beautiful selection of handmade crafts will be exhibited and this will be the ideal time to start your Christmas shopping.

A light lunch will be available and club members will have their Fall Bake Sale in the adjacent club room.

Proceeds from the Bake Sale will benefit the club's Scholarship Fund.

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Will Mortals Live Again?

If mortals die, will they live again?, asked Job. This is the age old question of humanity. One of the ways in which people are different from animals is that we are conscious of our mortality. Animals neither understand nor anticipate death. People do, even if many are terribly uncomfortable with it.

Job is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, books of the Bible. The question Job raises has plagued humanity for thousands of years, probably since the dawn of the human era. If mortals die, will they live again? is probably one of the oldest, and most fundamental, questions people ask.

As one would expect, a question of such paramount importance generates an abundance of answers, not all of which agree with each other. It stands to reason, therefore, that not all of the answers can be correct.

Among the ancient answers to this ancient question is the theory of reincarnation. It appears to have its origins in Hinduism. Hinduism is one of the world's oldest religious systems, as well as one of the most complex. Hinduism may be the penultimate universal religion, because it has spawned a variety of sects which have developed diverse beliefs.

One of the core beliefs among all Hindu religions is reincarnation, which holds that people's souls experience a series of lives, and their souls rise to higher states of being or existence by means of virtuous living. It would appear that Hindus agree with Christians on at least one important point: no one in his or her present state is prepared to stand before the judgment throne of the Holy One of the universe. As Scripture says, **All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**

Hinduism became popularized in our country in the early part of this century by Edgar Cayce, who became known as the "Sleeping Prophet." Edgar Cayce was "New Age" before "New Age" was cool. The organization which Edgar Cayce founded, the Association of Research and Enlightenment, promotes the theory of reincarnation as one of its core beliefs.

Unlike some modern "New Age" teachers, Cayce did not ignore the Bible. He attempted to find passages which he claimed supported his views, including reincarnation. While Cayce might have misled himself and others into believing the Bible actually supports the theory of reincarnation, his basic difficulty was that the Bible speaks directly and unequivocally about it.

Hebrews 9:27 says: **It is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that to face judgment.** Taken alone, Hebrews 9:27 might sound harsh and hopeless. But it is not. Hebrews 9:27 is surrounded by God's answer to our universal dilemma, that **all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**

God, in His mercy, has done for humanity what humanity could never do for itself, no matter how many opportunities or lives any of us had. **Jesus Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and He will appear again, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are eagerly waiting for Him.**



BRAD TILDEN

Brad Tilden To Present Benefit Piano Concert At Ag. Congregational

Brad Tilden, a senior at Agawam High School, will be presenting a benefit piano concert on Sunday, November 16th, at 3:00 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam. The concert is to assist the Rev. Toby Gbeh, minister of the New Milford Chapel, New Milford, Connecticut, and his family.

Rev. Gbeh, a Baptist Minister from Liberia, Africa, is currently working to have his family join him in the United States. All proceeds from this benefit concert will assist him in bringing his family here.

A \$4 donation is requested. Call the church office for your tickets. If you cannot attend the concert, donations may be sent to the Agawam Congregational Church. Make checks payable to the Rev. Toby Gbeh.

There will be refreshments served in Fellowship Hall following the concert. Brad's selections will include compositions by Beethoven, Schubert, Chopin, Rachmaninoff, Jim Brickman, Andrew Lloyd Webber, and some of his own compositions.

Please join us to support Rev. Gbeh and his family.

Catholic Women Plan Communion Supper On November 10th

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold its annual Communion Supper, Monday evening, November 10th in St. John's the Evangelist Parish Center following a 6:00 p.m. Mass in the church.

Sr. Mary Ellen O'Keefe, Sister of Notre Dame, will be guest speaker.

Chicken or scrod dinner will be catered by Collegian Court of Chicopee. The cost is \$15. If your caller has been unable to reach you and you would like to attend, please call co-chairwomen Pat Sherry at 786-2055, Peg Saliba at 786-2038 or Ann Sorel at 786-1667.

Serving on the committee are Peg Altobelli, Elaine Taupier, Lil Doyle, Rita Moore, Carol Pignatare, Kathy Rourke, and Judy Shrader.

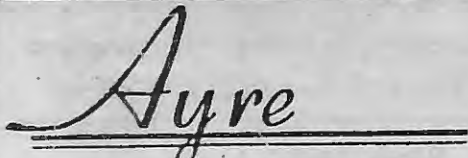



Pasta Dinner Slated For November 15th At Ag. Congregational

The Agawam Congregational Church will be holding a Pasta Dinner on Saturday, November 15th, at 5:30 p.m. The dinner includes pasta and meatsauce, salad, Italian bread, and dessert. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

The dinner will be held at the church, which is located at 745 Main Street, Agawam. Reservations are recommended; however, a few walk-ins will be accepted.

Reservations can be made by calling the church office at 786-7111, or Jerry Hamel at 786-2908 before 12:00 noon on Friday, November 14th.

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Saturday Night Chicken Supper At Valley Community



VOLUNTEERING THEIR SERVICES as chief cooks at the recent Valley Community Church Saturday Night Supper were Charlie Granger and Dale Pearsons. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SERVING THEMSELVES SALAD at the recent Saturday Night Supper at Valley Community Church were William Leighton and Jackie Korzenewski. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE KELLOGGS, Alvin & Doris, wait for the arrival of their chicken dinners at Valley Community Church last month. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Annual Macaroni Supper At St. John's Church



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH held its Annual Macaroni Supper on Thursday, October 23rd. Some of the volunteers included, from left - Monique Conan, Eileen Lutat, Evelyn Romano, Antoinette Circosta, (sauce queen) Jennie Christopher, and Mickie Adelman. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH held its Annual Macaroni Supper on Thursday, October 23rd. From left - Matthew Michaud and Mary Michaud cleaned their plates; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Charlie Calabrese, Jack Chriscola, and Ed Disco were the meatball kings (in this photo, anyway). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Church News - continued...**News And Notes From F.H. Congregational**

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Worship hour begins at 10:00 a.m.

The lectionary readings for Sunday, November 9th, will be 1 Kings 17:8-16, Psalm 146, Hebrews 9:24-28, and Mark 12:38-44. Rev. Donaldson's sermon title will be "Everyday Life as Spiritual Path."

Children should attend worship with their parents, leaving at the designated time for Sunday School; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

On Sunday, November 9th, we will have our monthly collection for the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry. Bags of groceries and articles of clean, usable clothing are needed. Please bring your items to the Open Pantry table in the sanctuary.

If you are unable to donate a bag of groceries, envelopes will be available in the sanctuary on the Open Pantry collection table for cash donations.

Volunteers are needed to make desserts for the Open Pantry on Wednesday, November 12th. If you are able to make a dessert (brownies, sheet cake, cookies, etc.), please have your contribution to the church kitchen by 12:00 noon on Wednesday.

A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in Griswold Hall.

This is the time of year when things start to get crazier and crazier as the holidays approach. Why not start this holiday season off by pampering yourself?

You can enjoy a delicious meal prepared for you here at the church on Saturday, November 15th. The menu will include chicken pie, vegetables, beet relish, rolls, pie, and beverage. Meals cost \$7 for adults, \$2.50 for children under eight years of age, preschool-age children are free, and servings are at 5:00 and 6:15 p.m.

For reservations, call Betty Bava at 786-0679 or Barbara Swanson at 786-5732. You deserve a good meal without having to wash all those dishes!

On the calendar:

Friday, November 7th: Radio Club.

Sunday, November 9th: 10:00 a.m., Open Pantry Sunday; Dinner for Hampden Federated Church.

Monday, November 10th: 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., Girl Scouts.

Tuesday, November 11th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Stewardship/Missions.

Wednesday, November 12th: 12:00 noon, Desserts needed for Open Pantry; 7:00 p.m., Choir rehearsal; 7:30 p.m., Cub Scout Committee.

Thursday, November 13th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Giant Food Sale Set At St. Theresa's On November 15th

A Giant Food Sale of homemade goodies will be held at St. Theresa's Church on Bridge Street, Agawam, Saturday, November 15th from 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Included will be St. Theresa's famous Straw Raffle (instant winners), the Holiday Food Basket Raffle, and a miscellaneous table.

Running On Empty? Subject Of Sermon At F.H. Congregational

At this Sunday morning's worship service, held at 9:30 a.m., Rev. Richard Barnes will speak on "Running on Empty?" using references from 1 Kings 17: 8-16.

Leading the responsive reading will be Diana LaZazzera. Greeters for the morning will be Jean Goss, and Clifford and Phyllis Catchepaugh. After the coffee and conversation period in Davis Hall immediately following worship, classes for all ages will be held until 11:45 a.m.

Nursery care is available all morning.

Coming up this week:

Monday, November 10th: 7:30 p.m., Word Search - a bible study group.

Tuesday, November 11th: VETERANS' DAY. 10:00 a.m., Searchlighters Circle at the home of Claire Crouss; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group

Wednesday, November 12th: 7:15 a.m., Mid Week Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open; 7:30 p.m., Church Committee.

Thursday, November 13th: 10:00 a.m., Bell Ringers Rehearsal; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, November 15th: 10:00 a.m., Rehearsal for Advent Presentation - Bodurtha Hall

The Junior Youth group is running a clothing drive. They are soliciting donations of warm clothing in good condition for the needy. There will be a box in Davis Hall to receive your contributions.

The Women's Fellowship is collecting unwrapped toys for the Mason Square children for Christmas. Some gift ideas are fast food gift certificates, board games, non-perishable snacks, and candies. The deadline for donations is December 18th. Bring your donations to church any Sunday when you come to worship.

Baptism classes are being held every Saturday afternoon from 1:00-3:00 p.m. If you are interested, see Steve Bailey for details.

Holly Wreath Bazaar Slated For Nov. 22nd At Ag. Congregational

The Ladies Aid Society of Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, is sponsoring a Holly Wreath Bazaar on Saturday, November 22nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Homebaked foods, dried flowers, wreaths, house plants, fresh Christmas holly and greens, handmade gifts, crafts, interesting and stylish clothes from area boutiques, jewelry, candy, collectibles, and a white elephant table are just some of the items that will be featured at the bazaar.

The Christmas Angel Cafe will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to serve the following lunch choices: a seafood salad plate with roll, pickles, and chips; an egg salad sandwich plate with pickles and chips; or chicken soup with a half-sandwich of your choice. Dessert will be blueberry or cherry pie tart, or sugarless fruit compote. Coffee and tea will also be included.

A special prize will be raffled off at the bazaar.

Valley Community Sunday School Kids At Loaves & Fishes

All of the Sunday School classes at Valley Community Church spent last Sunday evening serving supper at Springfield's Loaves & Fishes. During Sunday School time, the children headed for the church kitchen to prepare scalloped potatoes, corn muffins, and cookies, all from scratch.

Working as a team produces remarkable results! For the youth class, as well as the adult class, this was a repeat activity. However, for all the elementary classes, this was a first-time experience. And they were remarkable.

The children were paired up with a "seasoned" youth as they delivered plates of food to the homeless. And they did so with gusto. Not only did they scurry to make sure everyone got a hot meal, they went from table to table asking each individual person if they would like seconds, and then thirds. Late arrivals barely got seated before these kids were at their side with a hot meal.

Their commitment to the hungry was remarkable. Words like, "This is great," or, "I didn't know there were hungry kids, too," could be heard as they passed each other in the dining room. On the trip home, these church children agreed with each other that no one would be hungry on that night.

A special "thank you" goes out to the Sunday School staff (Betty Kopy, Margie Secora, Lori Stacy, and Susie Pearsons) for organizing this outing and exposing our children to God's mission work. The church's Board of Missions continues to serve at Loaves & Fishes on the first Sunday of each month.

We invite everyone to attend Worship on Sunday, November 9th, and hear Pastor Steve Denehy as he shares God's Word with the congregation.

Come and feel the excitement and the joy of knowing God through his preaching. We are sure you will leave the church uplifted, with a greater understanding, and a more willing commitment to follow God's Word.

Worship Service begins at 9:30 a.m. The children leave the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. for Children's Church. Coffee and Fellowship is held at 10:30 a.m. in Dunn Hall. We welcome all our visitors to stay for coffee and to give us a chance to meet you.

Church School starts promptly at 11:00 a.m. with classes for all ages, from kindergarten to adults. Nursery care is also available throughout the entire morning.

The Board of Administration will be meeting on Monday, November 10th, at 7:00 p.m.

Junior Choir will be held on Wednesday, November 12th, at 6:15 p.m., followed by the Senior Choir at 7:00 p.m.

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Ziti Supper Held At St. Anthony's Church



THE WOMEN OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA Church, Holy Rosary Society, sponsored a Macaroni & Meatball Supper on Wednesday, October 15th. From left - Tom & Adrienne Frasco eat their meal; in PHOTO RIGHT, Elsie Liucci, Stella Barbieri, and Edie Bongiovanni were giving away door prizes. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



ST. ANTHONY'S HOLY ROSARY officers are hard at work at the Annual Macaroni Supper. From left - Dorothy Morris, president; Dorothy Pilegi, event chairwoman and cook; Lorraine Labun, secretary; and Norma Wescott, vice-president. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Shepherd's Marketplace Being Held At Church Of Good Shepherd

The SHEPHERD'S MARKETPLACE will be held on Saturday, November 15th at The Church of The Good Shepherd, 214 Elm Street, West Springfield. Hours for The MARKETPLACE are 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

As always, The MARKETPLACE will be a mecca of sights, sounds, and aromas that will accompany the festival of shopping. Featured again this year will be the Shepherd's Market Basket where you will find a terrific assortment of filled gift baskets, starting at \$5.

These baskets are suitable for Thanksgiving and Christmas gifts, as well as for teacher and Secret Santa gifts. The baskets include a variety ranging from gourmet foods to delightful boutique baskets for home and bath. Shop early for these popular and unique baskets.

The MARKETPLACE also features many natural treasures; wreaths, wall hangings, and designer creations for decorating. At the Baker's Rack, you will discover a bounty of preserved and baked goods, jams, jellies, herbal vinegars and oils, Bet-

tie's tea breads, candies, baked beans, and more ... a very busy shop!

The Spirit of Christmas booth has many snowmen, angels, teddy bears, penguins, reindeer, and more waiting for you. The Boutique will offer baby afghans, bath salts, and other handmades.

New this year are wonderful handcrafted wooden items to be found in the Wood Shed. The ever popular New Toy Emporium returns with a bounty of new toys at deeply discounted prices. The bargain hunter will also appreciate the offerings at the Jewelry and Collectible Stall and the ever-popular Shepherd's Flea Market downstairs.

While you are browsing at The MARKETPLACE, enjoy a cup of homemade soup, a baked potato with toppings, a tasty hot dog, and various other goodies. And don't forget to make a reservation for our very popular "all-you-can-eat roast beef dinner" to top off the day.

Call 734-1976 for reservations for dinner as this is always a sold-out event.

Adoration Society At St. Anthony's On Friday, Nov. 7th

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint Anthony's Church in Agawam to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday, November 7th from 7:00-11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

The Annual Mass for deceased members will be offered on Thursday, November 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the Dominican Nuns Chapel on Riverdale Road in West Springfield.

Induction of new members will also take place at this time. All members are encouraged to attend.

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Ag. Congregational Lists Activities

This Sunday, November 9th, is Consecration Sunday. Worship Service continues at 10:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

The Rev. Eric Bascom, former minister of Faith United Church, will be our Guest Steward. His sermon will be "Turning Checkbooks Into Prayer Books," taken from text 1 Corinthians 16:2. The children's message will be "Gifts That Matter."

The Children's Choir will offer their voices for the service under the direction of the Minister of Music, Ellen Cogen.

Following the Worship Service, there will be a NO CHARGE CELEBRATION LUNCHEON in Fellowship Hall to celebrate Consecration Sunday. Please call the church office, 786-7111, for reservations.

The Hearing for our Capital Fund Drive will be held during the luncheon. Results from the Priority Meeting will be discussed.

Church School continues at 9:00 a.m. for grades seven through 12, and at 10:30 a.m. for three year-olds through grade six.

The Church School will be using the "Whole People of God." This week's theme is "Loving Kindness," taken from text Ruth: 3:1-5; 4:13-17. The children are continuing to learn about Ruth and Esther.

This highly praised program will be used for every age group.

All youths are invited to the Fall Clean-Up Service Project on Sunday, November 9th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Bring your own rake!

Two homes will be the service project. Hot chocolate, cider, and snacks will be provided throughout the afternoon.

Any youths interested in this project, or for more information, please call the church office.

The Open Pantry item for this Sunday is bar soap.

Items collected each week are donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

An ALL CHURCH MEETING for the Capital Fund Drive will be held next Sunday, November 16th, following the Worship Service.

The youth group fundraiser this year is again the Christmas Wreaths. These beautiful wreaths (with big red bow) are only \$10 for each wreath. Decorate your doors, windows, and home for the Christmas season.

Orders are being taken during the coffee hour, or call the church office to order yours today. The pick-up date for the wreaths is November 16th; if you cannot pick up your wreath, they will deliver to your home.

A Pasta Supper has been planned by our Catering Committee for Saturday, November 15th, at 5:30 p.m. The menu includes pasta with meat-sauce, salad, Italian bread, ice cream and sauce, and beverages. The cost is \$5 for adults, and \$3 for children.

For reservations, call the church office at 786-7111 or Jerry Hamel at 786-2908. Reservations close on November 14th.

Grace Lutheran Church Planning Annual Holiday Fair On Saturday, November 22nd

Grace Lutheran Church will hold its 19th Annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 22nd from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the church hall, 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield 01089.

The fair will feature local craft persons as well

Bethany Assembly Of God Schedules 1997 Singing Christmas Tree

The 23rd annual Singing Christmas Tree of Bethany Assembly of God will be presented eight times over the first two weekends of December.

The Singing Christmas Tree consists of 70 singers arrayed on a steel structure in the shape of a Christmas tree ascending from the stage to the ceiling. The tree is decorated and the lights are computer-controlled, making for a stunning effect of music and lights.

This year's musical theme is "Joy to the World," which points to the advent of the Christ child as the vehicle by which God brought joy to the world.

The musical is written by Ken Bryars, the Minister of Music at Bethany Assembly and director of the Singing Christmas Tree, and orchestrated by Dave Williamson. The 70-voice choir is accompanied by the 20-piece Bethany Orchestra for the 45-minute presentation.

The presentations are scheduled for Friday, December 5th, at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, December 6th, at 6:00 p.m.; and Sunday, December 7th, at 3:00 p.m. and again at 6:00 p.m.

The schedule is the same for the following weekend: Friday, December 12th, at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, December 13th, at 6:00 p.m.; and Sunday, December 14th, at 3:00 p.m. and again at 6:00 p.m.

All seating is free. There will be signing for the deaf, and a nursery will be provided for infants.

The tree is new this year! The musical is new this year!

If you have seen the tree before, you need to see this brand new presentation of Bethany's Singing Christmas Tree. If you haven't, what a great way to kick off your Christmas season.

Bethany is easy to find on Route 57 at Main Street in Agawam. Join with us as we present our Christmas gift to the Pioneer Valley.

Upcoming Events At St. John's Church

St. John's Over-60 Club

1) The program originally scheduled for November 20th has been cancelled. We have obtained tickets to see "42nd Street" at Bay Path College on November 20th.

We will pool cars and leave the church parking lot at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$5. Call Lorraine Maniscalchi (786-4149) for reservations.

2) There are still five tickets left for the club's trip to the Christmas Show at Radio City on November 29th. They're the best seats in the house — first mezzanine.

The cost is \$90 (bus, trip for driver, and show ticket). If you're interested, call Lil at 786-9586.

3) The meeting for November 6th will be a local trip: a tour of the Bridgeport National Bindery here in Agawam, then a tour of the Air National Guard facilities in Westfield.

We are carpooling. The cost of the luncheon is \$6. If you're interested, call Lil at 786-9586.

St. John's Guild

The next meeting of the Guild will be Tuesday, November 4th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center — "A Night at the Movies."

Come and enjoy. New members and guests are welcome.

News & Upcoming Events At Agawam United Methodist

In the season in which we now are, the church thinks and remembers the saints. St. Paul, on occasion, wrote to the Saints. He was writing at that time to people who were actively worshipping and serving the Lord.

Saints include those who are active and those who have gone before. In Corinthians, he speaks of those who "have fallen asleep." If today we should think of the saints of God, we would remember those who lived and died several years ago, and those whom we knew personally and those we still know today.

During the upcoming two Sundays, which will follow All Saints', we shall commemorate the faithfulness of two important Bible characters, Ruth and Naomi. Narration will be done by a young adult, while characters like Ruth, Naomi, Orpah, Boaz, the women, and the workers, will be depicted by younger persons.

It is to this interesting worship/drama that you are this week invited. The theme "Hard Times" is meant to bring out the faithfulness and honesty of one who, under difficult circumstances, shows eagerness and constancy in her work attitude and faithfulness in her friendship.

Even when we organize to meet the needs in our community, there are people who fall within the cracks! It happens sometimes on weekends when offices are closed; it happens when persons are not properly within the prescribed zones, but often through no fault of their own.

Agawam United Methodist Church, with its vision set on the community, has set up a hotline. Through this, we hope contact on behalf of those hurting will be made. Our number is 786-5290.

Worship and Sunday School are at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday morning at Agawam United Methodist Church.

Our discipleship Bible Study, headed by Donna Schebel, started on November 5th.

"If you make my word your home, you will indeed be my disciple." - John 8:31 (The New Jerusalem Bible).

St. Thomas Church Is Now Seeking Crafters For Holiday Craft Fair

The Women's Club of St. Thomas Church, West Springfield, is accepting applications from crafters interested in participating in its fifth annual Holiday Craft Fair to be held Saturday, November 15th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

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Unfair Debt Collection

The Massachusetts Consumer Protection Act, M.G.L.A., chapter 93A, like the Federal Trade Commission Act, prohibits all "unfair or deceptive acts or practices" in trade or commerce.

Because the Massachusetts Act provides that those acts and practices which are found to be "unfair or deceptive" by the Federal Trade Commission will be similarly construed by the Massachusetts courts, the body of Federal Trade Commission debt collection law becomes incorporated into Massachusetts law.

Thus, if a particular practice, such as the creditor's misrepresenting that he is affiliated with a government agency, has been found by the Federal Trade Commission to be unlawful, it is also a violation of the Massachusetts law.

There is more specific statutory authority in Massachusetts regulating debt collection practices. M.G.L.A. chapter 93, section 49 prohibits a creditor (or his attorney or assignee) of a consumer from collecting or attempting to collect a debt in an "unfair, deceptive or unreasonable manner"; and it goes on to specify particular acts which are prohibited. These are:

1. The creditor communicating, threatening to communicate, or implying the fact of such debt or alleged debt to a person other than the person who might reasonably be expected to be liable therefore, or to an authorized user after the fact if that status is communicated to the creditor in writing, except with the written permission of the alleged debtor.

2. The creditor communicating directly with the alleged debtor after notification from an attorney representing such debtor that all further communications relative to the debt should be addressed to him.

3. The creditor communicating with the alleged debtor in such a manner as to harass or embarrass the alleged debtor, including but not limited to communication at an unreasonable hour, with frequency, by threats of violence, by use of offensive language, or by threats of any action which the creditor in the usual course of business does not in fact take.

4. The creditor communicating with alleged debtors through the use of forms or instruments that simulate the form and appearance of judicial process.

Remedies for violation of section 49 are provided through the mechanisms set forth in the Consumer Protection Act, since any failure to comply with section 49 is made an unfair or deceptive practice under the provisions of chapter 93A.

This statute, which focuses on unfairness and unreasonableness as well as deception, also provides, in part:

No one who is a creditor or an attorney for a creditor, or an assignee of a creditor, of a natural person present or residing in Massachusetts who has incurred a debt primarily for personal, family or household purposes shall collect or attempt to collect such debt in an unfair, deceptive or unreasonable manner.

The statute goes on to specify four methods of creditor communication with debtors which are deemed to be "unfair, deceptive or unreasonable" (please refer to the list above); but this short list is by no means restrictive, and a consumer remains free to allege and prove that some other practice not specified in the statute is in fact "unfair, deceptive or unreasonable."

Finally, the Commissioner of Banks has by regulation set forth a fairly long list of debt collection practices in which collection agencies are prohibited from engaging. Here again, a violation of one of these regulations constitutes an "unfair or deceptive act or practice" under chapter 93A, thereby permitting employment of the remedies found therein.

While these regulations are directed solely against collection agencies, it would seem that a practice in which a collection agency acting on behalf of a creditor may not engage would be equally prohibited as against the creditor acting on his own behalf.

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Ribbon-Cutting At "The Atrium"



THE ATRIUM at Cardinal Drive, Agawam (adjacent to the Italian Sporting Club on Cooper Street), a facility to provide a safe and nurturing environment where seniors with Alzheimer's Disease and other memory impairments can flourish and share positive life experiences, was dedicated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 24th. From left - Brian Tarrant, vice-president of operations; Michael Knapik, state senator; Linda J. Melconian, state senator; William D. O'Leary, state secretary of Health & Human Services; and Christopher C. Johnson, mayor. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ayre Real Estate's Four Musketeers



THE FOUR MUSKETEERS, d'Artagnon, Porthos, Athos, and Aramis were recently spotted at Ayre Real Estate Company, Inc., at 701 Main Street, Agawam. They were up to their old tricks on Halloween.

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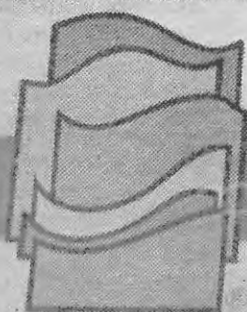
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Spotlight On Business - continued...

Westbank Corp. Grows More In Third Quarter

Westbank Corporation's net income for the third quarter of 1997 was \$818,000, or \$0.22 per share according to Donald R. Chase, President and C.E.O.

This represents an increase of \$245,000, or 43 percent, over the \$573,000, or \$0.17 per share, for the same period in 1996. Earnings for the first nine months of 1997 totaled \$2.2 million, or \$0.16 per share, a 33 percent increase over the \$1.6 million, or \$0.49 per share, for the comparable period in 1996.

At the end of the third quarter the Corporation's assets totaled \$320.8 million, an increase of \$39.2 million, or 14 percent, compared to September 30, 1996. During the same period deposits increased by \$34 million, or 13 percent, and totaled \$287.5 million.

Loans grew to \$237.2 million, an increase of \$24.4 million, or 11.5 percent, versus September 30, 1996 while investments increased by more than \$15 million, or 42 percent, resulting in improved net interest income of more than \$685,000 compared to the first nine months of 1996.

The Corporation's allowance for loan losses totaled \$2.8 million with non-performing assets of \$1.5 million representing 0.45 percent of assets, indicating a consistent improvement in the strong credit culture Westbank has established. Of particular note is the \$225,000 in loan recoveries that the Corporation recorded this past quarter.

"While the growth and earnings are commendable, we are very pleased with the performance of the Corporation's stock," Chase said. Over the past 12 months, the stock value has increased by 28 percent. At the end of September, the Corporation's market capitalization totaled over \$37 million.

Westbank's primary focus continues to be the enhancement of shareholder value through consistent earnings according to Chase and manage-

Westfield State Benefits From Westfield Bank



DONALD A. WILLIAMS (left), president of Westfield Bank, is shown receiving a "thank-you" handshake from Westfield State College President **Frederick Woodward** as **Lawrence Naftulin**, director of development for the college, looks on. Westfield Bank's \$5,000 contribution will help to underwrite the various activities of the Westfield State College Foundation.

ment has embarked on a mission to further refine its niche in the financial service sector by adding a full-time Trust Marketing Director. The Trust Department has fiduciary accounts with a market value in excess of \$120 million that are managed locally and provide all of the financial needs of its clients.

Westbank has recently added an indirect automobile lending unit to the Bank. This venture will enable them to build new banking relation-

ships in both the retail and consumer markets.

The new Platinum Relationship Account, introduced this past June, has been very successful with deposit balances exceeding more than \$10.5 million.

"We feel the accomplishments of the first nine months have given us the momentum needed to finish the year off with a strong fourth quarter and lead us successfully into 1998 and beyond," Chase said.

Pioneer Group Plans Free Workshop About "Bank's Don't Tell"

The offices of **THE PIONEER GROUP** are sponsoring a free public service workshop entitled "Buying a Home ... What the Banks Don't Tell You."

It will be held Saturday morning, November 8th, between the hours of 10:00 and 11:30 a.m. at the West Springfield Professional Center, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 21, in West Springfield.

Topics to be discussed include the various government federal loan programs that are currently available to first-time and move-up home buyers; understanding points and closing costs and how to minimize these fees; understanding seller contributions; the difference between a bank and a mortgage company and which one offers the better value; and much more.

The information contained in this 90-minute seminar may save today's first-time and move-up buyers thousands of dollars.

Speakers at the workshop will include Donald Thompson, a Principal of **THE PIONEER GROUP**, and Raymond Rose, a retired mortgage banker.

The workshop is free of charge and reservations are suggested; their last seminar was filled to capacity.

For more information, please listen to the recorded info message at 846-0981 ... and for reservations, please dial 731-6800.

Those that attend the workshop will receive a free copy of their credit report along with an application for a free mortgage pre-approval.

LEGAL MEMO - from Page 31...

In other words, if a practice prohibited by the Commissioner's Regulations is an unfair or deceptive practice for purposes of chapter 93A, and if M.G.L.A. chapter 93A, section 49 prohibits unfair, deceptive or unreasonable debt collection procedures by creditors and also makes such a procedure an unfair or deceptive practice for purposes of chapter 93A, all of the practices prohibited by either the Regulations or the Statute (section 49) are "unfair or deceptive" and apply equally to both creditors and collection agencies.

Karen (Thomas) Taylor Awarded By American Institute For CPCU

Karen Taylor has been awarded the professional insurance Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU®) by the American Institute for CPCU.

This announcement was made by Lawrence G. Brandon, CPCU, AIM, ARM, American Institute for CPCU president and chief operating officer.

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Karen works for Acadia Insurance as a premium auditor. She has a BA in economics from UMass and also holds the designations of APA (Associate in Premium Auditing) and CIPA (Certified Insurance Premium Auditor). Karen is the daughter of Rene and Irene Thomas of Agawam. She and her husband, Michael, live in Barre, Vermont with their three children.

The designation was formally conferred at a ceremony in Dallas, Texas, on September 29, 1997. The conferment was held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting and Seminars of the CPCU Society.

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For Your Health

Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

Calling All Parents — Wake Up Your Kids To Breakfast!

Everyone knows eating breakfast is important. Breakfast fuels a body with energy and nutrients that help both kids and grown-ups meet the demands of a fast-paced lifestyle.

Breakfast-eating parents lead to breakfast-eating kids. It's especially important for parents to eat a good breakfast every day. Why? Because parents are role models for their children.

Children who see their parents eat breakfast are more likely to eat breakfast, too. Getting the 40-plus nutrients needed each day is more likely for those who eat a morning meal. Breakfast skippers may never make up the nutrients they miss.

Breakfast and kids equal better school performance. Children who eat breakfast are less likely to miss class, be tardy, or report they are sick than children who miss the morning meal. Breakfast eaters also score higher on tests and have better concentration and muscle coordination.

Kids who eat breakfast are less likely to be overweight, too. Unfortunately, a recent survey found that as many as 30 percent of eight to 13 year-old children do not eat breakfast every day.

Quick and easy breakfasts that please everyone. Everyone is short on time these days, but a healthy breakfast can be quick and easy to fix and eat. Try these breakfast-in-a-minute ideas:

- Ready-to-eat cereal with fruit and milk.
- Toasted bagel with cheese.
- Peanut butter on whole-wheat toast.
- Toasted waffle topped with fruit and yogurt.
- Fruit-filled breakfast bar and yogurt.
- Fruit smoothie (fruit and milk whirled in a blender).

Making breakfast together is a fun activity for parents and children on days when they don't have to rush out the door. Some easy breakfast meals can even be made the day before. Or, in the case of the following recipe, even a week ahead. Using a few creative ideas, basic French toast can form the basis for a variety of tasty, healthy breakfasts.

Eating breakfast as a family offers an opportunity to spend some quality time together. On busy mornings when it's impossible to eat together, encourage children to eat breakfast at school. Call your local school to find out more about the School Breakfast Program.

Breakfast feeds the brain as well as the body. Parents can create a positive attitude toward breakfast by showing children how much they enjoy a morning meal. Do it for your kids ... and for yourself!

BASIC FRENCH TOAST

- 2 eggs or egg whites, lightly beaten
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup milk
- 8 slices firm white or whole-wheat bread
- 2 to 3 tablespoons butter

Combine eggs and milk in a pie plate; beat with a fork until well-blended. Dip bread slices into the mix to coat each side.

Melt one tablespoon butter in a skillet over medium heat. Transfer a coated bread slice to the hot skillet. Brown each side two to three minutes or until golden brown. Continue with other slices, adding butter as needed. Discard any leftover egg mixture.

Serve immediately. Or wrap each slice tightly in foil, or wrap multiple slices together with each slice separated by plastic wrap, and place in the freezer for later use.

To reheat frozen slices:

The French toast slices can be thawed in a toaster set on MEDIUM, in a microwave oven set on HIGH for 30 to 40 seconds, or in an oven set at 400° for about 10 minutes.

Once reheated, you can:

STACK THEM with turkey and cheese and microwave on HIGH for 40 to 50 seconds or until cheese begins to melt, and then top with chopped tomato or salsa.

STUFF THEM with a spread made by combining a half-cup of part-skim ricotta cheese, four teaspoons honey, and a quarter-cup chopped strawberries or peaches.

SLICE THEM into strips and dip into a topping made by combining one mashed banana with two tablespoons reduced-fat chunky peanut butter, one cup vanilla yogurt, and two teaspoons cinnamon sugar.



MAKING PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING CHRISTMAS SEAL BALL include (back row, from left) - Paula Antico, Irene Thomas, Jim Moran (chairman), Dan Barrieau, Jim Rivest, and Mario Sakellis, executive director, American Lung Association. Seated - Rhoda Zettl, Jennifer Romanchyk, Kathryn Meade, and Jennifer Young. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

American Lung Association Planning Sixth Annual Christmas Seal Ball

The American Lung Association will be holding its seventh annual Christmas Seal Ball on Saturday, December 6th at the Oaks in Agawam.

A silent auction and a brief live auction will be part of the event this year. One of the items from the live auction, donated by AAA Auto Club of Pioneer Valley, will be a round-trip for two to Florida. Many items donated by local businesses will make excellent Christmas presents and will be offered at great prices.

Social hour is 6:30-7:30 p.m. with dancing to the popular band "Breezin'" from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

News anchor Brenda Garton will attend as this year's Mistress of Ceremonies. Also, Greg and Julie Haney of Ludlow will attend. They have been chosen as brother and sister Christmas Seal Ambassadors.

The event is open to the public. Cost for the dinner is \$85 per couple and tables of eight or 10 are available if you wish to come with friends and/or family.

For more information, call the American Lung Association at 737-3506 or 1-800-LUNG-USA.

Five Steps Dealing With Underage Drinking & Drug Use

Concerned parents, faculty, and students met at the Agawam Junior High School on October 20th to discuss the problems of illegal underage drinking and drug use.

Wendy Bradley-Terwilliger, the Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator, facilitated the discussion which identified five steps that can assist parents and other adults who work with children.

1. **Talk with your child about drugs and alcohol.**
 - Understand rules and consequences.
 - Use everyday situations as "learning moments" to start conversations about drugs and alcohol.
 - Don't lecture kids, talk with them.
2. **Be a good role model.**
 - Don't laugh or joke about the crazy things you or someone else did while drinking.
 - Don't allow family members or friends to drive home after drinking.
3. **Disapprove of illegal underage drinking.**
 - Set guidelines and rules for children about alcohol and drugs, and communicate those rules in a positive manner.
4. **Supervise your child.**
 - Know where your children are at all times.
 - Get to know your children's friends and their families.
5. **Recognize problem behavior and seek help.**
 - Remain calm. An intoxicated child can't respond properly.
 - Make sure the child is safe. Signs of a potential medical emergency include...
 - * Lack of response.
 - * Cannot be stood up.
 - * Respiration is slow or labored.
 - * Irregular heart rhythm.
 - If you believe a child is in danger, rush him or her to an emergency room.

Future meetings at the Junior High will involve parents and children. Look for details on a January meeting in a future issue of *The Agawam Advertiser News*, or call Wendy Bradley-Terwilliger at 821-0542.

Fitness Tips...

Which Club Shall I Choose?

by Garen Stoehr
Fitness Director - Fitness First

The decision has been made to join a club. Now you must choose which one we want to join. There are a few important factors that may attribute to your decision.

Is the club close to your work or home? If it is not, realistically, you may not be as committed to a program. Your next process is to assess your goals. If you need a periodic evaluation, are these clubs able to provide this for you? Does the club have enough areas and programs to satisfy your needs?

You cannot deny that a facility must provide you with a well-educated staff. Does each person on the staff have an appropriate degree or certification? If you have any questions dealing with health and fitness, it is important that you get those questions accurately answered.

You may wish to find out if the facility you are looking at belongs to a national or international organization. The International Health Racquet and Sport Association (IHRSA) sets very high standards for associated clubs and their staff.

Many people complain they do not have time for their program. If this is truly the case, a fitness facility's schedule needs to coincide with yours, to make this lifestyle change happen.

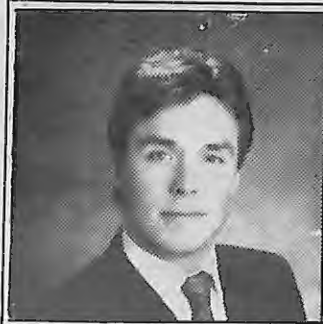
If your primary focus is aerobics, find a place that caters to your schedule, but do not settle for just any instructor. Can you see how all of these factors influence your decision?

Finally, you need to check with family and friends and get their opinions on quality clubs in the area. Does the club have day care? Is the cleanliness of the club maintained by the staff or other employees? Is the club on top of the newest trends and research in the field of health and fitness?

These are all legitimate concerns when deciding where you are going to train.

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For Your Health - continued...

**Your Back And Your Health**

by **Dr. Joseph S. Schlaffer**
Schlaffer
Chiropractic Offices
192 Shoemaker Lane
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Pain From Raking Leaves

Question: The fall season found me raking and picking up many bags of wet leaves. I am now painfully aware of hip and back pain. After bending or sitting, the pain runs down the back of the leg and I even have a little numbness in my foot. Can chiropractic help?

Answer: Low back pain and sciatica are frequently misunderstood conditions. They are often improperly diagnosed and improperly treated.

Actually, sciatica is a painful irritation of the largest nerve in the body which supplies the tissues of the thigh, lower leg, and foot. It is most often caused by pinching of one or more of the nerve roots (beginning of a nerve) where they exit from the spine.

The most common cause of pinching is due to structural misalignment of the lower vertebrae of the spine or pressure being exerted on the nerve root by a disc. A disc may rupture, protrude, herniate, or bulge and result in mechanical irritation to the nerve root.

Since the sciatic nerve is so large (about as big around as the thumb), interference or irritation along its course can cause a variety of symptoms. It may cause crippling pain. Or it may be more subtle and result in numbness, "pins and needles" sensation, burning, or a crawling sensation. Many times the leg feels weak, the foot may "drop" or drag. If the nerve remains pinched for a long period of time, the muscles of the leg may become permanently reduced in size (atrophied). Sciatica is commonly associated with low back pain and the individual may have a history of a weak back.

Treating low back pain and sciatica with pain killers and muscle relaxers may provide only temporary relief. Even epidural corticosteroid injections for sciatica due to herniated disc was recently reported to have minimal improvement in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. Medications do not correct an underlying structural cause. Rarely do misaligned vertebrae or disc problems correct themselves spontaneously and permanently.

Chiropractic care is a good place to start. The U. S. Government's Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR) has made some remarkable statements regarding contemporary treatment for low back pain. In addition to mild analgesics and application of heat/ice, **spinal manipulation** (spinal adjustments) when performed by a professional, can be helpful for many!

The doctor of chiropractic is a well-trained professional with a variety of methods of conservative treatment of low back pain and sciatica. Should your problem require an alternative treatment, your chiropractor will refer you to the appropriate physician.

"Gift Of Light" At Mercy Hospital

Mercy Hospital, 299 Carew St., Springfield is offering local residents the opportunity to brighten the season and help those living with cancer, as part of Mercy's annual "Gift of Light" program.

A holiday light display on a 20-foot tree in the hospital's Physician's Office Building will be lit in a ceremony at 5:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 8th. Holiday lights will also be displayed atop Providence Hospital, 1233 Main St., Holyoke.

Donors are encouraged to give the Gift of Light, with each contribution of \$10 or more illuminating one white light in honor of a relative, friend, or loved one. Proceeds benefit Mercy Hospital programs, including the hospital's Cancer Support Group, providing recreational activities, educational materials, and support services for cancer patients and their families.

To give the Gift of Light, contact the Fund Development office at Mercy Hospital, (413) 748-6970.

Bethany Assembly Sponsoring Flu Clinic

Bethany Assembly of God, located at 580 Main Street, Agawam, is sponsoring a flu clinic on Wednesday, November 12th, in the Fireplace Room from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The VNA of Western Massachusetts will administer the shots. Vaccinations cost \$10 each, but they are free to senior adults currently on Medicare who bring their cards.

Bethany hopes everyone who would like to be vaccinated will avail themselves of this opportunity. We want to be sure our Bethany family and friends stay happy and healthy over the flu season.

To receive the flu shot, you must not have a cold or any current cold or flu symptoms, and you must not be allergic to the vaccinations or eggs.

For further information, contact Bethany Assembly of God at 789-2930.

New Mothers' Support At Mercy Hospital

New mothers are invited to share their questions and concerns at a New Mothers' Support Group, sponsored by the Family Life Center at Mercy Hospital.

The next sessions will take place Nov. 12th and 26th, 10:30-11:30 a.m., in the Family Life Center lounge.

Meetings offer mothers with babies up to a year old the opportunity to talk with professionals from the Family Life Center's Parenting Education Department, and to share experiences and information with other new mothers. Topics include newborn care, infant feeding, postpartum concerns, returning to work, and parenting issues. Babies and partners are welcome to attend.

For more information and to register, call the Family Life Center, (413) 748-7295.



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More About Headaches...

Last week, we discussed headaches caused by neck pain, called cervicogenic headaches. I promised to tell you a story this week.

A relative of mine, Chet (who lives out of state), called me the other day and told me he fell several weeks ago. He developed severe headaches shortly after.

He went to his M.D., who prescribed medication. His condition did not improve. He was referred to a "specialist," who spent approximately five minutes with him and barely examined him, then told Chet he hit his head when he fell.

Chet stated, "No, I did not hit my head." She replied, "Yes, you did." They argued back and forth, with the specialist insisting that Chet had hit his head. She prescribed different medication.

His headaches proceeded to get worse. He missed several days of work (which is quite unusual for him). He had to sit in a dark room and not move at all.

Finally, someone referred him to an osteopath (bone doctor). The osteopath spent time with him and diagnosed him with a "pinched nerve" originating from the neck. He adjusted Chet's neck. When he called me, he stated, "I slept so good that night, I went to work the next day. I feel great!"

I told Chet that's what we do as chiropractors — diagnose the *cause* of the problem and treat it accordingly. In this case, the *cause* of Chet's problems was due to the neck. He could have taken medication forever, just covering up the problem.

If you are suffering with neck pain and/or headaches, please call our office today!

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.

Hearing Center Van To Be At Senior Center

Mercy Hospital's Weldon Mobile Hearing Center will conduct free hearing screenings and hearing aid checks at 9:00 a.m., Monday, November 10th at the Agawam Senior Center.

In addition, full diagnostic hearing tests, evaluations, fittings, sales and service of hearing aids and assistive-listening devices, can be scheduled on a fee-for-service basis.

The hearing van's audiology equipment is operated by nationally certified audiologists from the Weldon Hearing Center at Mercy Hospital.

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CHRIS STANLEY of Enfield (Joe Hardy) and Agawam native Moonyean Field (Meg Boyd) rehearse a scene from the current St. Martha Players' production, "Damn Yankees."

Town Residents Have Prominent Roles In "Damn Yankees"

With Agawam native Moonyean Field and Agawam resident and businessman Vincent Govoni leading the way, the devil will attempt to throw a curve ball, and baseball and love will rule supreme when the St. Martha Players present the Adler/Ross musical, *Damn Yankees*, on November 8th, 9th, 14th, 15th, 21st, 22nd, 28th, and 29th.

Field, who is a rehabilitation counselor and drama club coach at Chicopee Comprehensive High School, is undertaking the featured role of Meg Boyd in the St. Martha Players' production. Field is also the current president of the group. She has also appeared with the Encore Players and Ludlow's Exit 7.

Govoni is portraying a player on the Washington Senators baseball team. Funeral Director for the Agawam Funeral Home and Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels, he also enjoys singing, directing choirs, and working as a church organist.

He previously appeared in such St. Martha Players' productions as *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *The Music Man*, *Meet Me in St. Louis*, and *Hello, Dolly!*.

Damn Yankees is based on the novel by Douglass Wallop, *The Year The Yankees Lost the Pennant*.

The story revolves around a man who is enticed into making a deal with the devil to become an unbeatable baseball player able to lead the Washington Senators to victory over the Yankees. This popular musical includes such well-known numbers as "Heart" and "Whatever Lola Wants."

The production opens on Saturday, November 8th at 8:00 p.m., followed by a 2:00 p.m. matinee on November 9th. The matinee is scheduled in response to numerous requests by our patrons. The ensuing performances on November 14th, 15th, 21st, 22nd, 28th, and 29th are at 8:00 p.m.

The Players' theater space is located in Goulet Hall at the St. Martha School on Brainard Road in Enfield. Tickets for *Damn Yankees* are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and children under 12. Reservations may be made by calling (860) 745-6368.

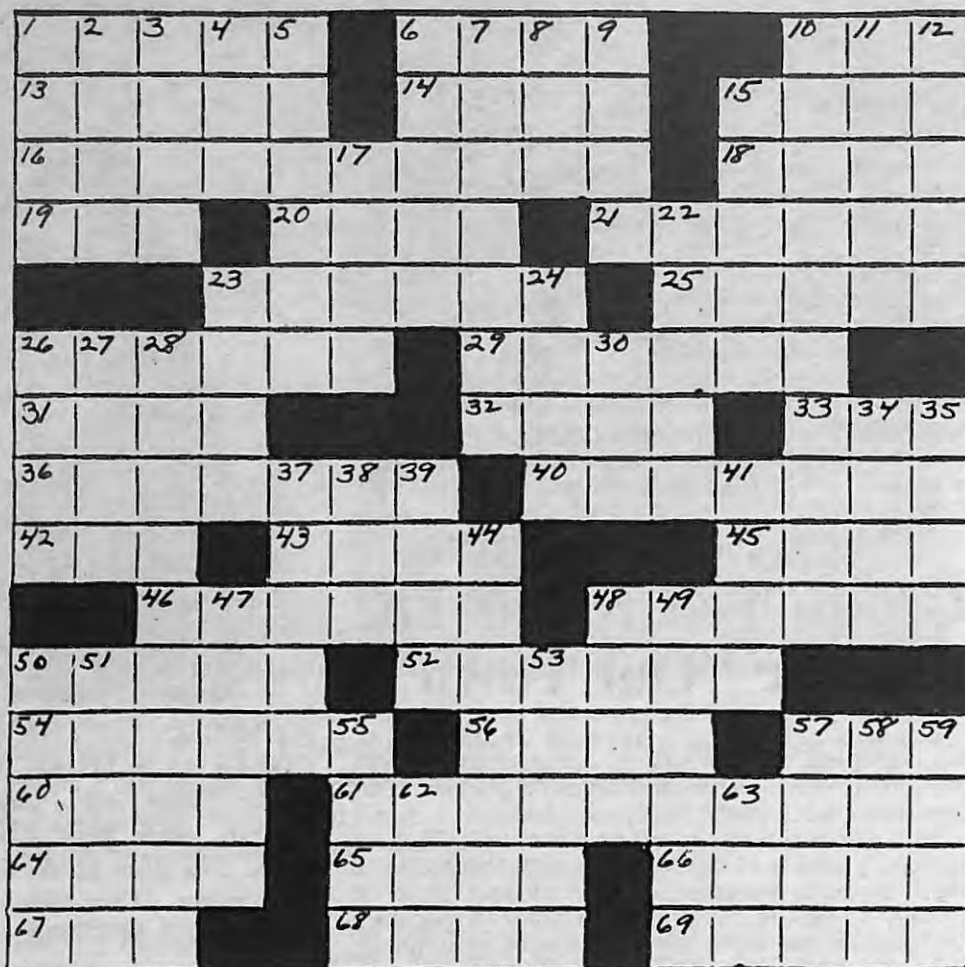
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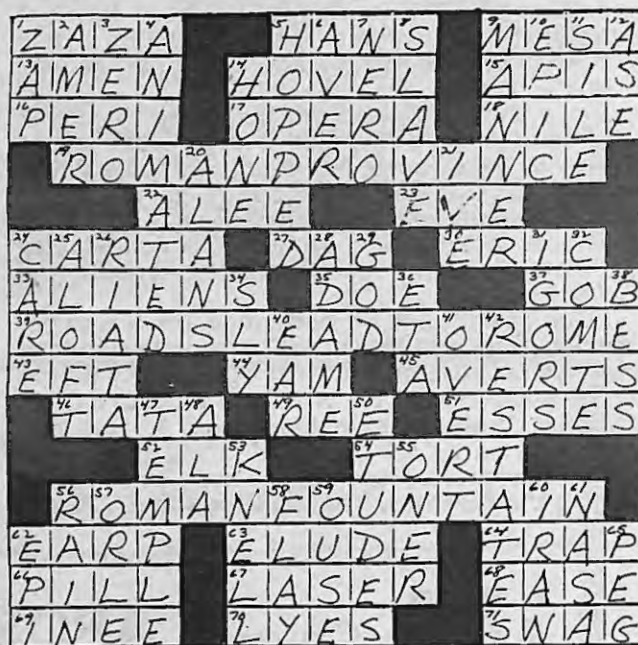
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MEET THE MASTER — by Dick Mastroianni



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Reception Slated For Agawam Community Artists' Art Show

The yearly Agawam Community Artists' art show will be at the Agawam Public Library, with the reception beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, November 7th.

Following the reception, a demonstration of watercolor painting will be given by Edward Minchin, A.W.S. Admission is free.

Funding has been provided through a grant from the Agawam Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Mr. Minchin is a nationally famous artist whose work has been written up and featured in many prominent art books in this country.

Do not miss this interesting personality as well as look at the current artwork of the ACA members. The exhibit will be held at the library for the entire month of November.

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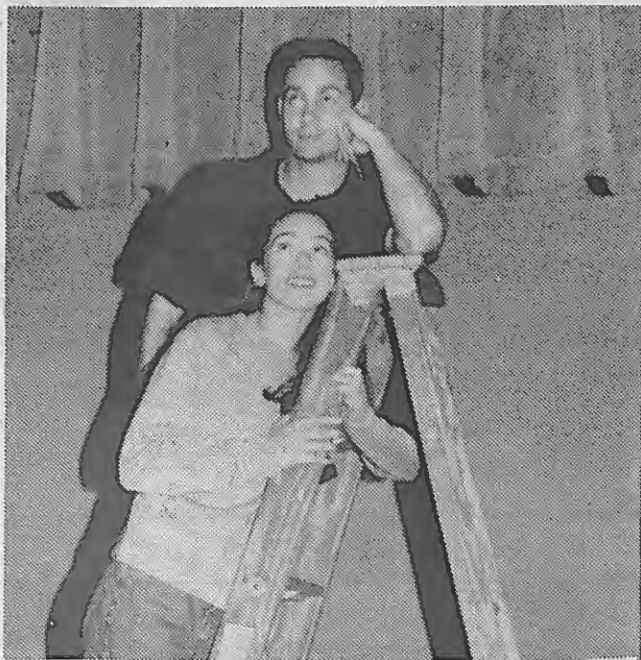


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MIKE TESINI AND LAUREN COPPOLA rehearse a scene from the Westfield Theater Group's production of "Our Town," which opens Friday, November 7th.

Westfield Theatre Group To Present The Classic "Our Town"

The Westfield Theatre Group, a department of the Westfield Woman's Club, announces its 1997 fall production — Thornton Wilder's classic "Our Town."

This wonderful show will be directed by Robert Stafursky and is in conjunction with the author's 100th birthday celebration. This classic show is thought to be the "beginning of modern theatre."

The show has been cast with a wonderful group of people and promises to be a great opening to the 1997-1998 season for WTG. The show features such WTG veterans as Bob Martin in the role of Mr. Webb, and Bill Hensley at Dr. Gibbs. Mary Ann Arnold will portray Mrs. Gibbs, and Kim Lynch comes to the Westfield stage in the part of Mrs. Webb.

Emily, the young lead, will be played by veteran performer Annette Fournier. George Gibbs will be played by Mike Tesini, and Lauren Coppola will be Rebecca. Wendy Birchall of Southwick will be the stage manager of the performance. Other cast members include Gary Tomestic, Adam Bradley Maxfield, Rose Deroches, Jennifer Abrams, and David Andrew.

"Our Town" will be performed on November 7th, 8th, 14th, and 15th at 8:00 p.m., with a special matinee on November 13th at 2:00 p.m. All performances are held at the Westfield Woman's Club, 28 Court Street, Westfield.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, and \$6 for students/seniors. Reservations may be made by calling the Westfield Theatre Group at 572-6838.

Bay Path Production



MEMBERS OF THE CAST IN BAY PATH COLLEGE'S MUSICAL, "42nd Street," include, from left - Susan Chorony, Mariu Chacin, and Walt Komorowski of Feeding Hills. The play at the Longmeadow campus is November 12th-15th and 20th-22nd. For tickets, call 565-5390.

Agawam Cultural Council Seeks To Increase Membership

The Agawam Cultural Council would like to increase its membership for the coming year. The members of the council are also very interested in obtaining input from town residents as to the kind of programs they'd like to see for the council's "First Friday" series and summer concert series.

Representation from various civic groups would also be most helpful.

Interested parties should contact the Mayor's office for further information or Sylvia Deliso at 786-1859.

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It's Monster Time!!!



DR. FRANKENSTEIN (Richard Authier of Springfield, MA) and IGOR (Lyle Pearsons of Suffield, CT) react in horror during a scene from The Hilltop Players' current production of the hysterically funny monster musical "I'm Sorry The Bridge Is Out, You'll Have To Spend The Night." The remaining shows will be held on November 7th and 8th at 7:30 p.m. at THE RED DOOR THEATRE, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills; call (413) 789-2026 for tickets.

Agawam Cultural Still Has Seats Left For Bus Trip To NYC

The Agawam Cultural Council's bus trip to New York City on Saturday, December 6th, has some seats still available.

The cost is \$18 apiece, and checks should be sent to 933 River Road, Agawam, MA 01001.

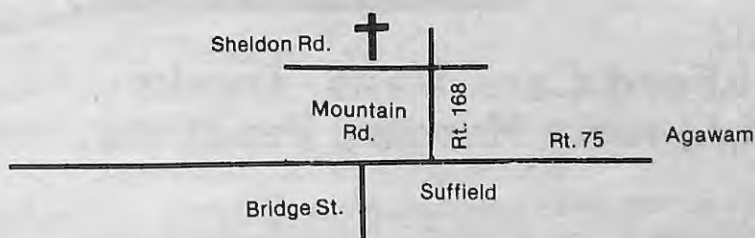
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Education



WENDY BRADLEY-TERWILLIGER is the part-time substance abuse counselor at the Agawam Junior High School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Jr. High Students Hear Horrors Of Substance Abuse

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

A group of high school students who have "been there, done that" threw a lifeline to seventh and eighth graders at assemblies organized by the Junior High School's Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator, Wendy Bradley-Terwilliger.

Teaming up with their counterparts from Longmeadow, AHS counselors and student members of Alateen delivered a sobering message on the myths, misconceptions, and realities of the consequences of substance abuse to an audience made up of youngsters at the age when they are most likely to begin using drugs, alcohol, or tobacco.

The students listened attentively to the adult speakers, but the stories from their not-so-older contemporaries seemed to hit home in the way kids accept one of their own.

Recounting the ups and downs of using drugs and alcohol beginning in the fifth grade, one high school senior told the younger teens how meeting AHS Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator Jack Dougherty helped turn her life around. Drug-free and on the road to high school graduation and a career in the military, the young woman warned, "It's embarrassing to look back and wonder why you were such an idiot. Drugs are not worth the rest of my future."

"We're hoping to raise awareness with the kids so that they can learn about our programs in order to help themselves or their friends," Ms. Bradley-Terwilliger said.

Junior High Principal Kevin Littlefield told the students the assembly was worth the time away from the classroom if even one student seeks help for themselves or for a friend. "If you feel you can't go to one of the counselors, I would hope you've formed a relationship with a teacher you feel you can speak to to get some help," Littlefield said.

Peter Crumb, who runs the Substance Abuse Prevention Programs at Longmeadow High School, debunked the four biggest misconceptions that can keep young people from seeking



SPEAKING AT THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE assembly for seventh and eighth graders at the Junior High included (back row) - Wendy Bradley-Terwilliger, Jr. High Substance Abuse coordinator; Jack Dougherty, Agawam High Substance Abuse coordinator; and Peter Crumb, Longmeadow High Substance Abuse coordinator. Seated - speakers Mary Lou Lusa, Toni, Marci, and Matt. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

treatment and costing them their futures.

The Four Biggest Myths...

According to Crumb, the four biggest myths are: "I'm not that bad"; "I use drugs, I don't abuse them"; "I'm O.K. to drive"; and "People can't be helped unless they ask for help."

Crumb said drug addiction was a delusional disorder, like anorexia, and that people who are in love with drugs cannot see the reality of their situation. But, a friend can.

"Someone sitting here got drunk or high for the first time last weekend and, on average, their parents won't know they have a problem for three years," Crumb said. "You're the only ones who can do something about getting help for that person."

In her second year as the Junior High's part-time Drug Abuse Prevention Coordinator, Ms. Bradley-Terwilliger meets with students individually as well as in groups like the Alateen discussion group and the peer mediation team. A month into the school year, Ms. Bradley-Terwilliger had already met with 40 students on drug and alcohol issues, but the funding for the program may be in jeopardy for next year.

"My position is a half-time position, funded by the state program known as the tobacco grants, but we won't be eligible for the grant next year and neither will Jack Dougherty's position," Ms. Bradley-Terwilliger said. "If the School Department doesn't pick up the funding, the programs won't exist."



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AGAWAM HIGH STUDENTS Michele Ingalls and Bob Bousquet were named winners of the 1998 UMass Chancellor's Talent Award Program. Guidance Counselors Alan R. Cohen and Judy Cohen are pictured with Michele and Bob. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Students Declared Winners In UMass Award Program

Agawam High School Principal Joseph Zabielski is proud to announce that two AHS students, **Robert Bousquet** and **Michele Ingalls**, have been selected as winners in the University of Massachusetts Amherst's Chancellor's Talent Award Program competition for 1998.

The students receiving this award have demonstrated high academic achievement both in high school and on standardized tests. As Chancellor's Talent Award winners, these students are offered \$5,000 per year for four years if they enroll at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

The University of Massachusetts Amherst con-

tinues to be nationally recognized as one of the great public universities offering exceptionally strong academic programs, a challenging Honors Program, and a rich diversity of cultural and social opportunities.

In a letter to Principal Zabielski, David K. Scott, Chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Amherst, stated, "Congratulations to your teachers and to the administration of Agawam High School on Robert and Michele's outstanding achievements. These students are truly among the Commonwealth's most promising scholars and citizens."

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Report Cards Issued — Friday, November 14th.
Early Release Day — Thursday, November 13th
(students dismissed at 10:45 a.m.).

WWII Music Presentation — AHS Cafeteria (free and open to the public), November 19th, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

WWII Victory Day Dance (live band) — AHS Cafeteria (free and open to the public), November 21st, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. ...

GUIDANCE BULLETIN

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE: If you are interested in meeting with the following college representative, you should sign up at least a day in advance in the guidance office. Pick up your pass the day of the visit.

November 10th: Mitchell College, 1:00.

SCHOLARSHIPS: See your counselor for more information.

Been There, Done That National Essay Contest: Students are invited to submit an original essay, poem, story, or comic strip about "What Every Student Should Know About Surviving High School." Deadline: May 1, 1998.

Navy and Navy Nurse ROTC Scholarships: Benefits include full tuition, cost of books and lab fees, and a monthly stipend. Applicants should be students in the Class of 1998 who have minimum SAT scores of 530 Verbal and 520 Math. See your counselor before November 19th if you are interested.

Vanderbilt University Ingram Scholarship Program.

OPEN HOUSES: See your counselor for more information.

Career Day — American Speech, Language, & Hearing Association. Sheraton Hotel, Boston, Friday, November 21st.

Athletic Training Career Day: Springfield College, Sunday, November 23rd, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Justin Kratovil Uses Hampden County Land For Eagle Scout Project

* On October 3rd, Justin Kratovil approached County Commissioner Abe Kasparian to help put together a plan for his Eagle Service Project. Justin is currently a Life Scout in Boy Scout Troop 78 and an Agawam High School student.

This is a project where the Life Scout plans a project which will benefit his community, school, or religious institution. Justin's plan involves the clean-up of the County land and the winterization of the buildings that were a part of the old County Prison farm at the end of School St.

Commissioner Kasparian presented Justin's plan to the County Commissioners at a regularly scheduled meeting on October 15th. Commissioner DePasquale, after hearing the details of the project, remarked that it was a worthwhile and meaningful project and Commissioner Thomas agreed. A motion was made to accept the project and it was unanimously approved. Approvals were also necessary and obtained from Justin's Scoutmaster, the Troop Unit Committee, and from the Troop Council Advancement Committee. Work is scheduled to begin this Sunday, November 2nd.

The goal of Justin's project is to "provide safety, environmental cleanliness, and a jump-start for the bicycle trail and its scenic route." Justin has organized a group of 15-20 volunteers as well as for all equipment and supplies needed to complete his project.



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL student Justin Kratovil cleaned-up Hampden County land off School Street as part of his Eagle Scout Project. Justin is pictured with Hampden County Commissioner Abe Kasparian. Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.

Guidance Column...
by Paul C. Cavallo
Deputy Principal

The First Marking Period Is Over

How quickly time passes! Thursday, November 6th, marked the end of the first marking period. Report cards will be issued on Friday, November 14th.

On Thursday, November 20th, Parents' Night will be held at the high school from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. This is an appropriate time to consult with your child's teachers about his report card grade.

The teacher can give you more details about your child's grade and make suggestions for improvement. One suggestion might include a weekly progress report which details information on attendance, test/quiz grades, homework, class participation, and attitude.

Follow-up is a key ingredient in the whole process. Ask your child questions like the following:

1. Do you have homework tonight?
2. Can I help you with your work?
3. Are you going for extra help?

Don't become a nag. By asking these questions periodically, you will keep lines of communication open and your child will know that you are a concerned parent and you want him/her to do well in school.

Finally, your child's guidance counselor plays an integral role, for he/she is the main contact to your child's teachers. Counselors can be reached at 821-0527 between 7:25 a.m. and 2:20 p.m.

Important Dates to Remember:

Financial Aid Night — Thursday, December 8th,

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Agawam High School's November 1997 Calendar Of Events

* **Month of November:** AHS Band fundraisers — Indian River Florida citrus and *Pampered Chef* cookbook.

* **November 6th-9th:** AFS International Week-end.

* **November 8th:** "As Schools Match Wits," Agawam vs. West Springfield, 7:30 p.m., Channel 22.

* **November 13th:** Early Release Day, 10:45 a.m.; Top 40 Show.

* **November 13th-16th:** AHS Model Congress Club at Yale University.

* **November 15th:** "As Schools Match Wits," Agawam vs. Belchertown, 7:30 p.m., Channel 22.

* **November 19th:** Math Club meeting; AHS School Improvement Council meeting, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.; WWII ERA CHORAL PRESENTATION (combined chorus - students/senior citizens), 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

* **November 20th:** Great American Smoke-Out (Peer Leadership); AHS Parents' Night, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Math Club Bake Sale during Parents' Night; Red Ribbon Campaign (Peer Leadership).

* **November 21st:** AHS Winter Sport Physicals (all teams), starting at 8:00 a.m.; Journalism Conference for *MIRROR* staff at HCC; WWII SWING DANCE, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

* **November 22nd:** "As Schools Match Wits," Agawam vs. Chicopee, 7:30 p.m., Channel 22; Agawam Academic Decathlon Team at Pittsfield High School — Western MA Academic Decathlon competition.

* **November 24th:** Make-ups for AHS Winter Sport Physicals (all sports), starting at 8:00 a.m.

* **November 26th:** ORANGE AND BROWN DAY — Pep Rally - AHS Gym; Bonfire - AHS Athletic Field.

* **November 29th:** Agawam/West Springfield football game, 10:00 a.m. (home).

School Improvement Council At AHS Has Two Vacancies

The AHS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL has two vacancies for parent members for the 1997-1998 school year.

Interested AHS parents are asked to please contact the Agawam High School main office at 821-0530.

Sean A. Collins Attending Bryant Col.

Sean A. Collins, a freshman Management major, of Feeding Hills is attending Bryant College for the 1997-98 academic year. He is a member of the Class of 2001.

Bryant College, located 12 miles outside of Providence in Smithfield, Rhode Island, is recognized as one of the leading business colleges in the country by *U.S. News & World Report* and *Barron's*.

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AHS Marching Band Selling Indian Citrus

The Agawam High School Marching Band and Color Guard are again offering fresh Indian River citrus for sale now through November 18th.

Money raised from this sale will help send the band and color guard to Atlanta, Georgia to represent the town in national competition.

You may remember that last year the group proudly brought back gold from Disneyworld and hope to do the same this year!

Anyone wishing to purchase citrus may contact any band/guard member or call Mary Ellen at 786-3936 for further information. The group pledges to do their best to make Agawam proud! Thank you.

Kim Hollinger Grad Cum Laude From UMass-Amherst

Kim Hollinger of Revere, MA, recently graduated cum laude from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, with a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Biology. Kim is the daughter of Walt and Sandy Hollinger of Agawam.

Kim is a 1988 graduate of Agawam High School. She also received an Associate's Degree in Veterinary & Animal Science from Holyoke Community College.

Kim is presently employed with the Animal Rescue League of Boston in the adoption department.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, November 10th: Veal patty parmesan sandwich in roll, seasoned green beans, fresh apple, milk.

Tuesday, November 11th: No school (Veterans' Day).

Wednesday, November 12th: Cheese ravioli, meatsauce, tossed garden salad with creamy Italian dressing, garlic bread, chilled peaches, milk.

Thursday, November 13th: In-Service Day (no lunches served).

Friday, November 14th: Chicken teriyaki nuggets, seasoned diced carrots, wheat bread and butter, steamed rice, apple crisp, milk.

Early Release Day Slated For Thursday, November 13th

On Thursday, November 13th, the Agawam School System will conduct an Early Release Day for students and staff in grades PreK-12. Kindergarten and Early Childhood classes will not be in session.

Also, **no school lunches** will be served that day. The approximate dismissal times for individual schools are as follows:

- * Agawam High School — 10:45 a.m.
- * Agawam Junior High School — 11:15 a.m.
- * Agawam Middle School — 11:45 a.m.
- * James Clark School — 12:15 p.m.
- * Clifford Granger School — 11:40 a.m.
- * Benjamin Phelps School — 12:15 p.m.
- * Robinson Park School — 12:15 p.m.
- * Early Childhood Center - No Sessions.

AHS Parent Senate To Meet Nov. 12th

The next meeting of the Agawam High School Parent Senate will be on Wednesday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Parents or guardians of high school students are invited to attend.

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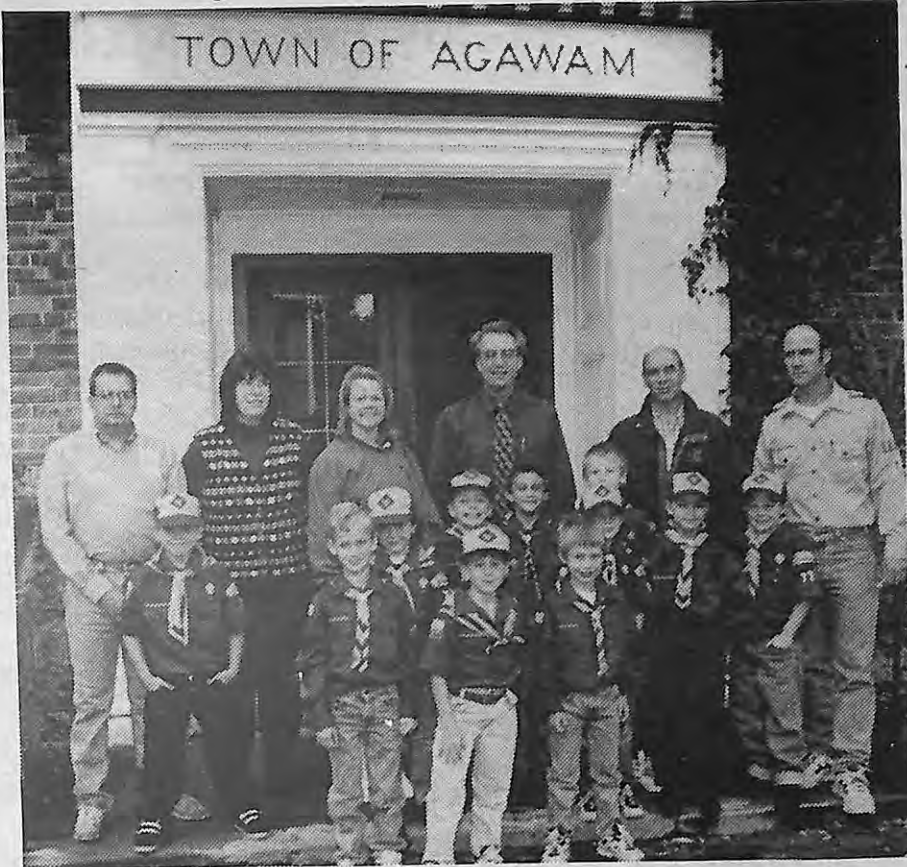
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Mayor Gives Scouts Tour



THE CUB SCOUTS from Pack 77, Dens 7 & 8, recently toured the Town Hall with Mayor Christopher C. Johnsoin (center, back row). The boys and their parent leaders enjoyed learning about how the Town of Agawam is run. The theme for the Cub Scouts was "Our Town." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Safety At Granger School



TRAINING AND SAFETY OFFICER Michael Mercadante of the Agawam Fire Department demonstrated The Heimlich Maneuver and general safety practices to fourth grade students at Granger School. Mercadante explained how to help a choking victim, whether it be a small child or an adult. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Junior High School Schedules Annual Parent/Teacher Night

On Monday, November 17th, the Agawam Junior High School will conduct its annual Parent/Teacher Conference Night from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. During the week of November 3rd, teachers will mail home invitations for these eight-minute individual conferences.

Parents who receive invitations are asked to telephone the guidance office at 821-0566, either Wednesday, November 12th, or Thursday, November 13th, between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. in order to schedule a time for these conferences. Parents are advised to call promptly to reserve a time that is most convenient for them.

School Principal Kevin C. Littlefield states that parents who do not receive an invitation, but still wish to see an individual teacher, should contact the guidance office on Friday, November 14th, between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., as a limited number of appointments have been made available for those parents.

He points out that any parent calling on Friday, but not able to schedule an appointment for November 17th, will receive a call from the teacher in order to discuss their child's current academic standing.

Mr. Littlefield explains that the conference night format was developed by the staff as a means of eliminating overcrowded conditions and long waiting lines. Also, he believes that communication is more effective during these lengthier appointments.

Mr. Littlefield invites parents to keep in close contact with the school's guidance counselors and teachers in order to monitor their child's progress throughout the academic year.

Bay Path Schedules Session For Continuing Ed./Transfer Students

The Office of Continuing Education at Bay Path College will hold a free information session for women interested in furthering their education on Saturday, November 15th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, in Breck Suite, Wright Hall (formerly Brookside Hall), on the Longmeadow campus.

The session will offer prospective first-time and transfer students information about Bay Path's academic programs, including bachelor's degrees, associate degrees and certificates, support services, and financial aid guidelines.

Women interested in attending the November 15th session should contact the Office of Continuing Education at the college at (413) 567-0621 or toll-free, 1-800-782-7284.

The first 20 registrants who attend the information session will receive complimentary tickets to the Junior League's "Homes for the Holiday" house tour, also on November 15th.

Preschool Kids Enjoy "Clean-Up Day"



THE CHILDREN IN THE HEAD START classroom in Agawam Center learned about keeping their world neat and tidy by having a "Clean-Up Day" recently. The preschool children, staff, and parents cleaned their schoolyard and the next door churchyard. This was the first step in helping the children realize their responsibility to our environment. Advertiser News

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Sports

Central Bursts AHS Boys' Bubble In Opening Round

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The 1997 Agawam High boys' soccer season came to a screeching halt Monday evening. Their 1-0 quarterfinal loss to Central effectively ended a campaign that saw them win the Churchill-Moriarty Division for the second straight year. They had the fifth seed in the playoffs. Central was number four. The Golden Eagles had beaten the Brownies earlier in the season, 4-2. They were out to avenge their 2-0 loss to Agawam in last year's quarterfinals.

All season long, the Brownies said they were going back to Szot Park, where they lost in the finals last year to Western Mass. champion Cathedral.

It wasn't to be. Central was the better team. And they showed it from the get-go. Only an excellent Agawam defense kept it much closer. But then, Agawam's defense was the prime reason they got back to the playoffs in the first place.

For the first eight minutes of the game, Central was over midfield and in the Agawam zone. Only gut-check defense by Dave Thomas, Rich Rodriguez, and sweeper Jay Flood, along with Brian Machos, Jay Murphy, and Ryan Grealis, prevented any Central player from scoring.

At the 34-minute mark, Rodriguez saved a potential Eagle score with a great tackle on Justin Ross, who'd split the defense. At 32:56, the Brownies broke out. Their sojourn in the Central zone lasted only 51 seconds. Then it was back to the business of defense for the Agawam "D."

The Brownies managed a bit of offense at 29:11. Barry Ward, Jay Hanscom, and Machos made an effort on the left wing. Ward had the breakaway, but he stalled his shot. Keeper Derek Conway, in that flash of indecision, had time to adjust and made the save. A cross kick from Hanscom to Jack Bisco had a chance at 23:50.

Central got one of its many chances to score at 22:07. It was set up on a two-pass attack that started out 40 yards away. The center on the play, Adam Maroney, hit the lead man, Justin Ross. Ross had the open corner at the top of the left box. Senior midfielder Matt Catellier was backing in 20 feet in front of him. Ross decided on the pass. Catellier took the ball and the shot, which streaked into the far right side of the Agawam net. Bryan O'Quinn, never mind a professional keeper, could never have stopped it.

AHS's Defense Was Up To The Task...

At 11:50, the Brownie defense, led by Bisco, Thomas, Machos, and Flood, was called upon. They were up to the task. It led to a Brownie offensive thrust with nine minutes left in the half. Ward kicked a cross to Murphy. He headed it to Machos. The shot, which would have been in, missed a foot to the right.

Farewell To AHS Boys' Varsity Seniors



SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS of the 1997 Agawam High School boys' varsity soccer team. From left - Ryan Grealis, Steve Charest, Jay Moore, Jay Murphy, Gary Montelesey, Bryan O'Quinn, Lee Kunkler, Jay Hanscom, Kevin McKay, and Jack Biscoe. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

At 4:26, Agawam had another chance. Again, Ward was working the left wing. He crossed another one to Thomas. Thomas dumped it off to Jay Moore, who was five feet out on the Central left post. He could have sneezed it in. But Conway came out and bearhugged Moore, thus keeping him from any kind of offensive effort. Even the Central fans in the stands said the mugging should have resulted in a penalty kick. The officials blew the call, giving the Brownies nothing.

The half ended with Central up, 1-0. The story of it was simple. Central spent a total of 22 minutes in the Brownie zone. They spent eight minutes in the midfield fight. Agawam had only three minutes of offense in the Central zone.

Whatever Agawam Coach Dwight Northrup said to his team at halftime must have registered. At the 32:03 mark, Ward, Dave Federico, Hanscom, and Machos attacked but were thwarted.

Central came back and the Brownies came back in kind. Hanscom banged a beautiful cross at 29:40. No one was there to accept it. Ward broke the Central defense and headed in at 27:40 with a notion to score. It was center cut. Conway stopped it.

A Late-Game Change For AHS...

With 3:30 left, Northrup made a change. O'Quinn, the All-Western Mass. keeper, came in to play the field. He jacked up the Agawam offense. He missed a sure score with 1:40 left. It was a dying angel over the crossbar. There was not going to be any magic for Agawam in this one.

"It all came down to the goal we never got," said the coach when it was over.

O'Quinn, who was hugged and consoled by his dad (freshman Coach Al O'Quinn), noted that they never really lost the game. They just couldn't get any breaks to get a tie and try for the win. It was a frustrating evening for the All-Western Mass. keeper.

FINAL STATS:

Thomas — 6 goals, 1 assist; Hanscom — 3 goals, 2 assists; Santaniello — 3 goals, 2 assists; Federico — 3 goals, 1 assist; Moore — 2 goals, 2 assists; O'Quinn — 2 goals, 3 assists; Ward — 2 goals, 1 assist; Machos — 2 goals; Balbony — 2 goals; Murphy — 1 goal, 3 assists; Bitzas — 1 goal; Bisco — 1 goal; DiVirgilio — 9 assists.

The Brownies scored 29 goals in 19 games for a 1.6 goals a game average. One of their scores, against Chicopee, was an "own goal." They allowed 21 for a 1.1 goals against average.

Pittsfield Outguns AHS Girls In Wild 5-4 WMass Quarterfinal

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The bottom line after Tuesday night's tournament game at Harmon Smith Field was this - the visitors from Pittsfield took full advantage of far fewer opportunities to score and did. The home-standing Brownies, despite superior territorial play and many more chances to score, didn't.

The result was a bittersweet 5-4 loss to the Generals in the quarterfinals of the Western Mass. Division I schoolgirl soccer tournament before a sparse but boisterous gathering.

Pittsfield, losers to the Brownies by a 3-1 count a week earlier in the regular season finale, was delirious at the end while many of the Brownies were in tears. AHS had pretty much dominated the Generals that first meeting and received the fourth seed, forcing the fifth-seeded Generals (with a better record) to travel 50 miles from the Berkshires to Agawam due (due to that loss to AHS).

Through the tears and obvious bitter disappointment about the early tournament exit, Coach Mary Murray told us, "We didn't lose this game. It was one of the best I've seen."

Several Brownies played outstanding games, including forwards Barbara Maloni (two goals), striker Kristen Patterson, Diana DiStefano, Aimee

Loudfoot, and Amber Conte.

But give Pittsfield credit. They traveled to the pitch at Harmon Smith in the dark and with the full understanding that AHS had pretty much bounced them around the field on October 27th.

The visitors scored first at 28:10 on what was their only real scoring chance so far in the game.

But a minute later, Patterson sent a wonderful cross to a streaking Maloni who bopped the ball into the net for the 1-1 tie.

Pittsfield scored again at the 21:00 mark. The Brownies responded in two minutes on a spectacular goal from Aimee Loudfoot. It came after another flurry in the Pittsfield zone. The ball scooted out to Loudfoot at or around the top of the penalty area and she loudly left-footed a screamer into the corner at 19:19.

It would be just over two minutes later when Maloni scored her 11th goal of the season on an assist from Amy Mastroianni. Maloni was flying up and down the wing all night and was giving the Generals' fullbacks plenty to think about.

The shootout continued when Pittsfield scored with nine minutes to go in the half. The first half ended with six goals and a 3-3 tie. The shootout was on.

The Brownies began the second half buzzing the Pittsfield zone, including one splendid rush by Maloni and Patterson. But at 33:38 Pittsfield scored its fourth goal when the Brownie defense got caught too far upfield.

What proved to be the game-winner came at 18:16 when the fifth Generals' goal was allowed as AHS was disorganized and running around. It was 5-3.

What happened over the final sixteen minutes had coaches, players on the bench, and the people in the stands virtually screaming on their feet as the Generals circled the wagons and the Brownies swooped in, wave after wave.

It was played almost entirely in the Pittsfield end. The Brownies had corner kick after corner kick and shot after shot (26-13 total game advantage, although many more of the AHS shots were of a much higher quality).

With 13 minutes to go, Mastroianni's corner kick was brilliantly headed in by Patterson for her 30th goal of the season to cut it to 5-4. The

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No Prisoners Taken At Central High, 47-0

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The only thing that will go on the Agawam High highlight reel from their 47-0 loss to Central High last Friday evening will be the start of it. The Brownies won the toss and got the ball first. That was all they won.

After that, they lost at every possible turn. AHS didn't just circle the drain in this one; they plunged down head first. A year ago, Central only managed a 7-0 win.

Central, living up to its promise of another Division 1 Super Bowl crown, has many weapons. On this night, they hauled out every one of them, doing a better job on the Brownies than the Indians did on Custer.

How bad was it? Let's preface this a bit. We only mentioned the weapons possessed by the Golden Eagles. Now, let's put a name to them. Start with their triplicate All-Western Mass. backfield: quarterback Connell Clark, tailback Sha'ki Wheeler, and fullback Curtis Upshaw. Add in All-Western Mass. defensive back/receiver Aaron Senez, and All-Western Mass. defensive lineman Howard Blackwood (6'4", 260 pounds).

These guys aren't just good; they know they're good. Thus, you have a witch's brew of talent on Halloween night that would haunt anyone, which is exactly what they did at Berte Field.

Agawam got nowhere on its first possession. But not so for the Eagles. On the second play of their first possession, Wheeler, using his 4.4 speed, broke off left tackle, got into the Brownie defensive backfield, and streaked 42 yards for a score. One minute and 24 seconds had run off the clock. It was 7-0, Central.

Agawam had a chance when it got the ball back. Senior Eric Melbourne, in the lineup after a four-week layoff, caught a ball from QB Brian St. Jean that spanned 30 yards from the 40 to the Central 30. The big gainer was canceled on a holding call. It would be one of the many times Agawam would shoot itself in the foot.

Central needed only two plays to score once more. This time it was a 34-yard pass to Senez from Clark. The extra point made it 14-0.

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ferocious AHS attack was repelled by the equally intense Pittsfield defensive wall which consisted of about eight players and their fine goalie running around to prevent the tying goal.

Perhaps the most memorable moment came when Gina Loudfoot was launched on a clear breakaway by Patterson, only to be taken down in a thud by the trailing defender. No whistle. No call.

Murray nearly went bonkers on the official, and with good reason. This was the same official who had been blowing her whistle on her side of the pitch with great frequency at virtually every push and tug throughout the game.

Give Pittsfield credit. They survived the onslaught, showed outstanding speed by their forward line when it counted, and left Harmon Smith in glee with a tournament victory.

Patterson ended her brilliant career with 30 goals and nine assists for the 1997 season (top scorer in Division I with ease). Whether she is named the best Division I player in Western Mass. for 1997 and receives All-American status is uncertain at presstime.

She deserves both.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1997, at 6:45 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of GENESIS HEALTH VENTURES, INC. (HERITAGE WOODS), which is seeking a Special Use Permit in accordance with Section 180-1 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a three foot high platform "stage" and "tent" for an outdoor concert at the premises identified as: 462 MAIN STREET

Ronald A. Hebert, Chairman

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AHS Tried To Get Something Going...

The Brownies tried to get something going when they got the ball back. Junior Brian Gallagher (12-52) got 24 yards on four carries. Unfortunately, his two-plus-yard effort on a fourth and two for a first down was called back on an illegal procedure penalty. It was another bullet in the Brownies' foot. Central took over on downs at its 47.

Four plays later, Clark hit Senez for a 23-yard TD pass. It was 21-0, Central. There were 3:35 left not in the half, or even the second quarter. The first quarter hadn't expired yet.

It would get worse. Central had the ball to start the second quarter. They ate up 5:22 minutes with an 11-play drive before Upshaw took it over from six yards out. It stood at 27-0, Central.

Agawam's first and last best hope came right after that. They got the ball on their 11-yard line. The big play was a 64-yard pass from St. Jean (6-18, 147, 1 int.) to Melbourne (4-120). Melbourne took it to the Central 23 before he was caught from behind and dragged down by Senez. Gallagher ran for eight and five yards.

The Brownies were looking at a first and 10 at the Eagle 11. St. Jean hit tight end Mark Pedraza at the Central one-yard line. A holding call called the play back. St. Jean was sacked. Then he threw his 12th interception of the season to kill the Agawam drive.

The Brownie defense, nonexistent for most of the game, rose up and put down Central's next possession. The Brownies' got the ball at the Central 45. After an inside screen for 25 yards to Gallagher, the offensive line broke down. St. Jean was sacked twice by Hector Santiago. The Golden Eagles had the ball at their 43-yard line.

By now, the Brownies were walking on their heels. Senez beat Andy St. Jean on a fly for 32 yards to the Agawam 25. Clark hit Greg Devine for a 13-yard score and his third TD pass of the game. The PAT made it an embarrassing 34-0 Central advantage with 17 seconds left in the half.

Second Half Started With A Question...

The second half started with a question. Should

Central keep its first team in the game and run it up? Or should they insert the bench guys?

For reasons not understood, they kept the first team in for their first possession. And they ran it up. Wheeler, Upshaw, Clark, and company went on a 54-yard, eight-play drive before Upshaw punched it over from six yards out to make it 41-0, Central.

Hopefully, Central Coach Dan McLaughlin will remember this game. He could have taken his first team out after the first quarter. His pre-game statement, professing his concern about Agawam being a very dangerous team (which it can be), was a classic case of talking about another night. But what goes around comes around. One day, Central, like the Brownies, will fall on hard times. It's the end game of athletics. No one can be so good for so long. One day you will say so long to the good times. Then, someone will come along and strap you to the pole.

McLaughlin put his second team in with 5:47 left in the third quarter. They scored a touchdown, as well.

The whole ugly night ended with Central keeping the ball for eight minutes of the final quarter. The only reason they didn't score again was the horn, ending the game.

Agawam went to 2-5 and 2-2 in the Double A Conference.

BROWNIE STATS:

RUSHING: Gallagher — 14-52; St. Jean — 1-2.

PASSING: St. Jean — 6-18, 147 yards, 1 int.

RECEIVING: Melbourne — 4-120; Gallagher — 1-25; Daigneau — 1-2.

BROWNIE NOTES:

As the Agawam running game goes, so go the Brownies. Since their tour de force (349 yards on the ground) in the 33-8 win over Holyoke, Agawam has come up short (113 vs. South Hadley, 93 against Westfield, and 55 against the Golden Eagles).

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Brownie Field Hockey Holding Head High Despite No Playoffs

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

"We gathered around each other after the Minnechaug game and cried, not so much because we weren't going to the playoffs, but more because the kids had finally found the team they knew they could be. That comeback proved it."

Those were the words Agawam High field hockey Coach Carla Lamnah-Warner used to describe her team as their season came to an end on Thursday afternoon, October 23rd, at Harmon Smith Field.

Looking back at her 1997 club, she didn't feel the final tie with the Falcons was the reason the tournament eluded them. "I think there were several games in the middle of the year that we should have won but let get away," she admitted.

They opened up with three straight losses to three tough teams—4-0 to Southwick, 3-0 to Northampton, and a 5-0 blowout courtesy of Greenfield. Southwick and Northampton are the one and two seeds, respectively, in the Division I playoffs. Greenfield is the number one seed in Division II. That kind of beating, in itself, could have had some teams folding their tents early on.

The Brownies won their next four. "That streak told me the kids were capable of high standards; that they had heart and weren't going to quit," the coach noted. After that, they settled down to a pattern of win one, lose one for the balance of the season. Along the way, they registered a 1-0 win over East Longmeadow, the third seed in Division I.

"We did level off a bit. I think some of the kids were looking towards Western Mass.," Warner said.

Playing As A Team

"But we played as a team with a team spirit. We had three captains who were talented and displayed leadership. Our other kids stepped up, as well," she said. Three weeks ago, their leading point getter, tri-captain Steph Fleming (7 goals, 11 assists [led division in assists]) went out with mono. Besides her always upbeat personality, it was Fleming's ability to dish the ball to the open player for a good chance at a score that made her so valuable. "Steph could very well be a Western Mass. All-Star. When you lose a player of that caliber, you go through the 'willies.' We had to regroup. And we did," Warner said.

They'll lose six seniors to graduation. But seven juniors, all with game experience, will move up. They'll have talented keeper Mary Elizabeth Dupelle back for her junior season. "Our junior varsity showed well this year. There are some players on that team that will be moving up," Warner smiled.

FINAL FIELD HOCKEY STATISTICS: Kelli Kunkel (11 goals, 4 assists); Steph Fleming (7 goals, 11 assists); Erica Pratt (6 goals, 5 assists); Patty Zerra (6 goals, 2 assists); Heather Hughes (1 goal); Sarah Latif (1 goal); Gina Cellilli (2 assists); Shauna Hadden (2 assists); Jen Zerra (1 assist).

GOALS - 32 for (1.77 per game), 37 against (2.05 per game).

Junior Volleyball Being Offered At Turnverein

A Junior Volleyball Program will be offered at the Springfield Turnverein on Garden Street in Feeding Hills. The program will run in two sessions, January 5th to March 6th and March 9th to May 4th.

This program is for youth aged 14-18 and will be run on Friday evening from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the main gym at the Turnverein.

The fee per session is \$35. Make your check payment to the Springfield Turnverein. Any person that is interested in this program should pre-register at the Turnverein Gym on Friday, November 14th or 21st, between 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. dressed to play.

If there are any questions, please call 786-9494. Ask for Mark.

Sign-Ups For Ag. Wrestling Club

Forms for the Agawam Wrestling Club are available in the Agawam Parks & Recreation Office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

For further information, contact Dan Sullivan (786-6265) or Kirk Parker.

AHS JV Field Hockey Team



MEMBERS OF THE AHS junior varsity field hockey team. Back row - Jessica B'Shara, Liz Curry, Stephanie McLane, Denise Reinhold, Kristen Kolcott, Marissa McLaughlin, Tara Fleming, and Coach Beth Schroeder. Front row - Nahtalie Nijman, Jen Harvey, Laura Guyer, Christina Gallant, Tiffany Scaife, and Amy Mahoney. **IN PHOTO LEFT,** JV field hockey Coach Beth Schroeder and her three captains - Stephanie McLane, Tiffany Scaife, and Marissa McLaughlin. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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AHS JV & Freshman Round-Up

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

FOOTBALL

Agawam High School's freshman football team lost to Westfield, 20-12. Westfield led off two Brownie fumbles. In the second half, Agawam attempted a comeback.

Jeff Robinson scored on a 20-yard run. Tony Li-quori hit paydirt on a run in the fourth quarter.

The loss put the young Brownies at 4-1 for the season. It also stopped their 15-game win streak, which went all the way back to the final two games of the 1995 season.

Meanwhile, the AHS junior varsity football team defeated Westfield, 26-22, to run its record to 5-1. Scott Harlin scored on a 45-yard pass from Jason Daigneau. Daigneau had an eight-yard run and a two-point conversion.

Harlin also caught a 30-yard pass from Daigneau. Harlin capped off the scoring with a

65-yard TD run.

Sophomore tailback Dave Moore had 160 yards rushing.

BOYS' SOCCER

The JV boys' soccer team lost its final game to Westfield, 4-0. The Brownies finished at 10-6-2.

GIRLS' SOCCER

Agawam's freshman girls beat East Longmeadow to finish at 10-2-1. In that game, Lisa Bienia, Heather Bussiere, and Emily Norris scored. The other score was an East Longmeadow "own goal."

The one assist went to Shawnee Demers.

FIELD HOCKEY

The Agawam High School junior varsity field hockey team beat Minnechaug by the score of 2-0.

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McGeoghan Looking For Options As Boston U Football Goes Dixie

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

There are things that happen in this world which can only convince one that nothing is irrevocable. Nothing is really sacred.

Even 90-plus years of tradition can be kicked out the door like a mangy stray dog that no one gives a hoot about. In this case, it's Boston University football. It seems the \$3 million price tag on the Terrier pigskin program can be better spent on other athletic pursuits at the school, like a new sports complex and an upgrade of athletic offerings to women. BU is currently 0-8 and 0-5 in the Atlantic 10. They've lost 25 of their last 27.

The BU administration said the record had nothing to do with its decision. But that decision certainly hurts many people who put their trust in the football program, including former Agawam High football star Phil McGeoghan, who is currently a freshman and starting as a wide receiver.

A Lot Of Confusion

"I first heard something wasn't quite right after the Maine game," Phil said. "Coach [Tom Masella] called a meeting for early Sunday morning. The rumor was that scholarships were going to be cut, or maybe some coaches were going to be fired. We were confused. Some of the kids said they thought the program was going to be dropped. We all thought the alumni would never let that happen."

"They cancelled the meeting," Phil added.

It was a situation that only added to the confusion. Then at Homecoming (after the Northeastern game), the players were informed of another meeting. This time they were advised to bring along their parents. There, they got the news.

"I was sick," Phil said. "The administration said it was simply a question of economics. What about us? We were building a team for the future. Nine of our 22 freshmen were starting. Seven or eight more were playing on the special teams. We had a great running back (sophomore Roger Harriot), who will be in the NFL someday. The school

sold a lot of people a bill of goods."

Phil admitted the coach might have been tipped off last June that changes were in the wind at the school by the Charles River. "Coach Masella went to the administrative offices and asked straight out what was happening. They assured him nothing was going to change. They used him like they used us. I feel terrible for the whole coaching staff."

What is in the future for Phil?? "I came here to get an education, but also to play football," he said. "The coaches told us they'd work hard to find a place for us at another school. The administration assured us our scholarships would be honored for our four years here."

That didn't wash with the former Brownie star. "I'm carrying a B-plus in my major (marketing). But I want to play football. I feel it's part of the college experience I'd expected and been promised when I came here."

Future Unsure Right Now

Phil doesn't have any new schools in mind right now, other than to say he'd like to go Division 1-A. BU is Division 1-AA. "It's like being in high school all over as far as making a decision about my collegiate future," he admitted.

Phil will still have his three more years of playing time, assured under NCAA rules, wherever he goes. He will also be eligible for a redshirt year should he or his coaches decide to exercise that option.

"I'm really not in a very good position to make any demands on what I'll do if and when I play college football again. I do know some of the I-A schools who recruited me out of Agawam saw me as a tight end or a linebacker, positions I can play, but would rather not."

Phil, who has 13 catches for 160 yards as of October 25th, was in action last Saturday afternoon in a big loss against the University of Connecticut at Storrs. The team wore white uniforms and called itself "Team X" in protest of the situation.

Upcoming Events Announced By AHS Athletic Dir.

The Thanksgiving Day game is **HOME** this year at 10:00 a.m.

Pre-game ticket sales will run from **NOVEMBER 17, 1997 to NOVEMBER 25, 1997** from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (AHS lunch time), and from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

All sales will take place in the **Athletic Director's Office**. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

Winter Physical Examinations will be held on **November 21st**, with make-ups on **November 24th**.

A signed M.I.A.A. Physical Examination Form must accompany the student-athlete at this exam. Forms are available in the Nurse's Office and the Main Office of the High School.

Agawam High School's Winter Athletic Season will begin on **December 1st**.

Agawam Over-30 Wins Again!

Mike Lyman's two second-half goals broke open a 1-1 game in Belchertown this past Sunday.

Agawam scored the only first-half goal when Jorge Ferreira scored on a play set up by Sam Orlando.

Belchertown tied the score early in the second half when the Agawam defenders got confused trying to clear a ball. That was the only mistake, though, as keeper Radomas Rivera and fullbacks Steve Frye, Tony Ferreira, and Mike Knodler did a fine job on the fast-breaking Belchertown offense.

Although no league stats are kept, Lyman's two goals probably increased his lead and further established that he is the best offensive player in the league.

This Sunday, Belchertown is coming to Agawam to try for a little revenge as they are down 2-1 in the series. Game time is 10:00 a.m., Sunday. Call 786-7924 if over-30 soccer might be for you.

Sacred Heart Sign-Ups



THE SACRED HEART ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION held its spring/summer baseball/softball sign-ups recently at the Parish Center. Pictured taking application sheets are Norm Gilbert and John McCarthy. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS JV's Finish Strong



THE AGAWAM HIGH girls' junior varsity soccer team enjoyed a strong season in 1997. Five reasons why include, from left - Assistant Coach Lisa Bayuk, "K" Moysis, Annie Paquette, Jess Dutton, and Coach Lynda Kunasek. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Pioneer Valley Soccer Round-Up

U-11 Cobras Finish Undefeated

On October 23, 1997, the Cobra girls had one last hurdle overcome; AJAC. The girls from Chicopee were the only team standing between them and an undefeated season!

The Cobras were not to be denied. They finished out the season with style. They put on a real defensive clinic, and still managed to provide plenty of offense, too. Time and time again, the defense thwarted every offensive attempt that Ajac could muster.

Swarming the net as they often do, the offensive lines were applying constant pressure on the Ajac goalie. If not for some great saves on her part, the final score would certainly have been a lot more than 3-0, Cobras.

This shutout against AJAC marked the 10th shutout the Cobras have registered in Pioneer Valley play this season. In 14 games, the Cobras have allowed only three goals, while netting 48 goals themselves. Their Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League record stands at 14 wins, 0 losses, and 0 ties.

In addition to being the U-11 Girls' Champs in the PVJSL this season, the Cobra girls have also won two major tournaments this fall. On Sept. 1, 1997, they started the fall season off with a bang by winning the 1997 Riverside Classic. They recorded six straight shutout victories, defeating Easton (who was the 1996 defending Riverside Classic champion) 2-0 in the final. The Cobras were the only Agawam team to win the Classic this year.

Our hometown girls traveled to Windsor, CT for Columbus Day. This tournament attracted teams from as far away as Maine, New York, and New Jersey. Here, too, they recorded several shutouts. Four to be exact. The only goal they gave up in the entire tournament was to the girls from Massapequa, Long Island, N.Y. The Cobras played them to a 1-1 tie. For Massapequa, though, it still wasn't enough to catch the Cobras. The Agawam girls took home first place in this tournament, too!

This season brought a big change to the Cobras. This past spring, they played in the U-10 ("non-competitive" age group) where they played seven aside. Fall 1997 marked the first season playing 11 aside. With the move up to the larger field, the Cobras took on five new players.

Three of the girls moved up from Agawam's Division II team. Right from the start all of the girls worked very hard. It didn't take long before the new kids fit right in. A real tribute to Denny Marr's outstanding coaching abilities. In no time, he had all of the girls working extremely well together.

The girls have really had a lot of fun this year. In many of their games, Coach Marr has let the girls switch positions, giving the girls who normally play defense a chance to score some goals.

The offensive lines also got a chance to see what it's like to put on the defensive shoes (or in this case, cleats!).

Even the goalies got into the act. In any case, it helped the girls realize just how important each position is to a well balanced team. It certainly provided the Cobras with more depth, as was evident by the fact that 15 of the 18 Cobras have scored this season!



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION'S U-11 Cobras. Back row, from left - Coach Denny Marr, Assistant Coach Steve Fox and Assistant Coach Dave Boisvert. Middle row - Heather Albano, Kara Powell, Lauren Fox, Liz Barker, Elise Davilli, Kelly Follis, Tiffany Manzi, Julie Czuprynski, Leann Morytko, Lindsey Townsend, and Jessica Lalli. Front row - Danielle Glantz, Jamie Cullen, Heather Darnell, Stacy Boisvert, Amy Lownds, Meagan Pokorny, and Lauren Peltier.

So, how good is this team? The Cobra girls have compiled a fantastic overall season record of 24 wins, 0 losses, and 1 tie. An unbelievable 20 of their 24 wins have been shutouts. In 25 games, the defense and the keepers have incredibly allowed only four goals against them! The offense, meanwhile, has scored a staggering 98 goals!

Cobra parents are quick to point out that although the girls have a lot of athletic talent, their success as a TEAM has much to do with the fine coaching they receive from Coach Denny Marr and Asst. Coaches Steve Fox and Dave Boisvert.

Coach Marr has a unique style of coaching. You will never hear him yell or scream at a child (he rarely even raises his voice!). Instead, he talks to the girls, explaining to them how he wants them to do things. He encourages them to talk to each other, to incorporate into their game what they have worked on all week in practice. The girls get their fair share of playing time, too. Obviously, his style is working extremely well!

It's one thing to devote so much of your time to coaching when you have a child on the team, but Coach Marr doesn't. He took the Cobras under his wing in the Spring of 1995, when no one could step forward to take on the responsibilities of head coach. He was already coaching his daughter Jen's team (the Rowdies) in the U-13 age group.

For three seasons, he managed remarkably well to coach both age groups. He did it because he didn't believe any child should be turned away from playing.

In addition to all that, he was also serving all of Agawam's youth as the President of the Agawam Soccer Association from 1995 to 1997.

Coach Steve Fox has also been very busy. For the past two years, Steve has been the Director of the Riverside Classic Labor Day Soccer Tournament. Under Steve's guidance, the Classic grew to include a record 140 teams! The past two years have been extremely successful ones for the Classic.

Our thanks to both Coach Marr and Coach Fox. They should be commended for jobs well done!

In closing, we should congratulate all of the members of the Cobras. They are (strikers) Elise Davilli, Tiffany Manzi, Jessica Lalli, Danielle Glantz, Lindsey Townsend, and Heather Albano. Half-backs include Heather Darnell, Kara Powell, Leann Morytko, Amy Lownds, and Kelly Follis. Stopper Lauren Peltier and full-backs Julie Czuprynski, Liz Barker, Meagan Pokorny and sweeper Lauren Fox. Last, but not least, goalies Stacy Boisvert and Jamie Cullen. Thanks, girls, for a fantastic and exciting season!

A special thank you to Ric Sardella and *The Agawam Advertiser* for their support all season long. It was really nice reading about the kids and how they were doing!!

1997 Fall Soccer In-Town Boys (Final Standings)

U-10 BOYS' TEAMS	W	L	T	P
Nawskon's Lightning	10	0	2	22
Sabola's Minutemen	9	3	0	18
Foley's Green Machine	7	3	2	16
Gonyeau's Red Dogs	6	4	2	14
Mokrzycki's Golden Warriors	4	8	0	8
Holmes' Blue Bombers	2	9	1	5
Skolnick's Men In Black	0	11	1	1

U-12 BOYS' TEAMS	W	L	T	P
Lyman's Blue Hawks	10	0	0	20
Harlow's Fighting Irish	5	2	2	12
Martin's Gold Lightning	5	4	1	11
Ferreira's Knights	4	4	2	10
Myers' Red Storm	1	6	2	4
Moysis' Strikers	0	9	1	1

Bob Sabola, Director of In-Town Boys, would like to offer a special thanks to all the coaches, assistant coaches, referees, players, and parents

for participating in the Agawam Soccer Association In-Town Program.

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U-14 Rockets Finish In First Place Tie

U-14 Boys - "Rockets"

Saturday morning matched the Rockets against Longmeadow on a cold, damp day. The weather did not deter from the quality of play, as both PV-JSL teams exhibited crisp passing and good ball control.

The Rockets slowly began to gain a slight territorial advantage as Mike Ruscio (back from a long absence) had some good runs deep into the offensive end but was turned away. Midway through the first half, Matt Zajdel picked up a loose ball just over midfield and sent a long crossing ball to the right.

The pass slipped between two defenders to a streaking Adam Rovithis on the right wing, who caught up to the ball in full stride and drilled it home for a 1-0 Agawam lead.

Strong play by Rob Cullen, Mike Decaro, and Jamie DelPeschio kept the score at 1-0 until midway through the second half, when Longmeadow broke through and scored to even the game at 1-1.

Shortly after this score, however, the Rockets came back and a beautiful feed by Mike Carmody sent Adam Rovithis in on goal with a breakaway. Adam pushed the ball by the Longmeadow goalie to give Agawam the lead back at 2-1 and eventually the win.

On Sunday, Agawam traveled to Southwick for their final game of the regular season. Good defense was the highlight of the day as goalie Evan Machos came up with some great saves in the first half to keep the score deadlocked 0-0 at halftime.

In the second half, the game moved back and forth with both teams having some good scoring opportunities but both defenses coming up big. Southwick finally scored and carried a 1-0 lead late into the game.

With time almost up, a last-ditch run by the Agawam offense was stopped by a Southwick foul. A direct kick by Matt Ligenza from 25 yards out beat the Southwick goalie and found its way into the goal to tie the score with two seconds left in the game.

The tie also gave the Rockets first place in their division for the regular season and was a great way to end a great season for the team.

Agawam Soccer Assoc. Final Standings

UNDER 10 GIRLS	W	L	T	P
Lyman's Gold	10	1	0	20
Brewster's Maroon	8	2	2	18
Pfau's Royal Blue	6	3	3	15
Maloney's Blue Lightning	5	6	1	11
Gould's Orange	4	7	1	9
Wood's Green	4	7	0	8
Klimczak's Red	0	11	1	1

UNDER 12 GIRLS	W	L	T	P
Zmaczynski's Big Green	8	3	1	17
Adams' Blue Lightning	7	2	3	17
Patrick's Blue Sonic	7	4	1	15
Francis' Orange Crushers	4	5	3	11
Chiclana's Golden Eagles	4	5	3	11
Rollins' Red Hot Peppers	3	6	2	8
Morace's Maroon	2	10	0	4

UNDER 14 COED	W	L	T	P
Southwick	9	1	0	18
Fournier's Royal Blue	6	3	1	13
Fleming's Blue Vikings	3	4	3	12
Heneghan's Red	5	5	0	10
Spear's Green	3	6	1	5
Hamre's Orange	1	8	1	3

UNDER 17 COED	W	L	T	P
Kelly's Navy Blue	9	0	0	18
Cincotta's Big Green II	5	4	0	10
Gaffney's Red	4	5	0	8
Fleming's Orange Stingrays	0	9	0	0

U-10 Boys' "Cheetahs"



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION'S U-10 boys "Cheetahs" recently completed their 1997 Pioneer Valley Soccer season. Team members include, standing - back row - Coaches Steve Powers and Chet Comee. Middle row - Steve Powers, Nick Pokora, John Leydon, Mike Theriault, Dave Zaffetti, and Jeff Stanton. Kneeling - Chris Scuderi, Sam Mancini, Anthony Ardolino, Dan Comee, Joey Greaney, and Joey Bushey.

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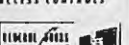
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